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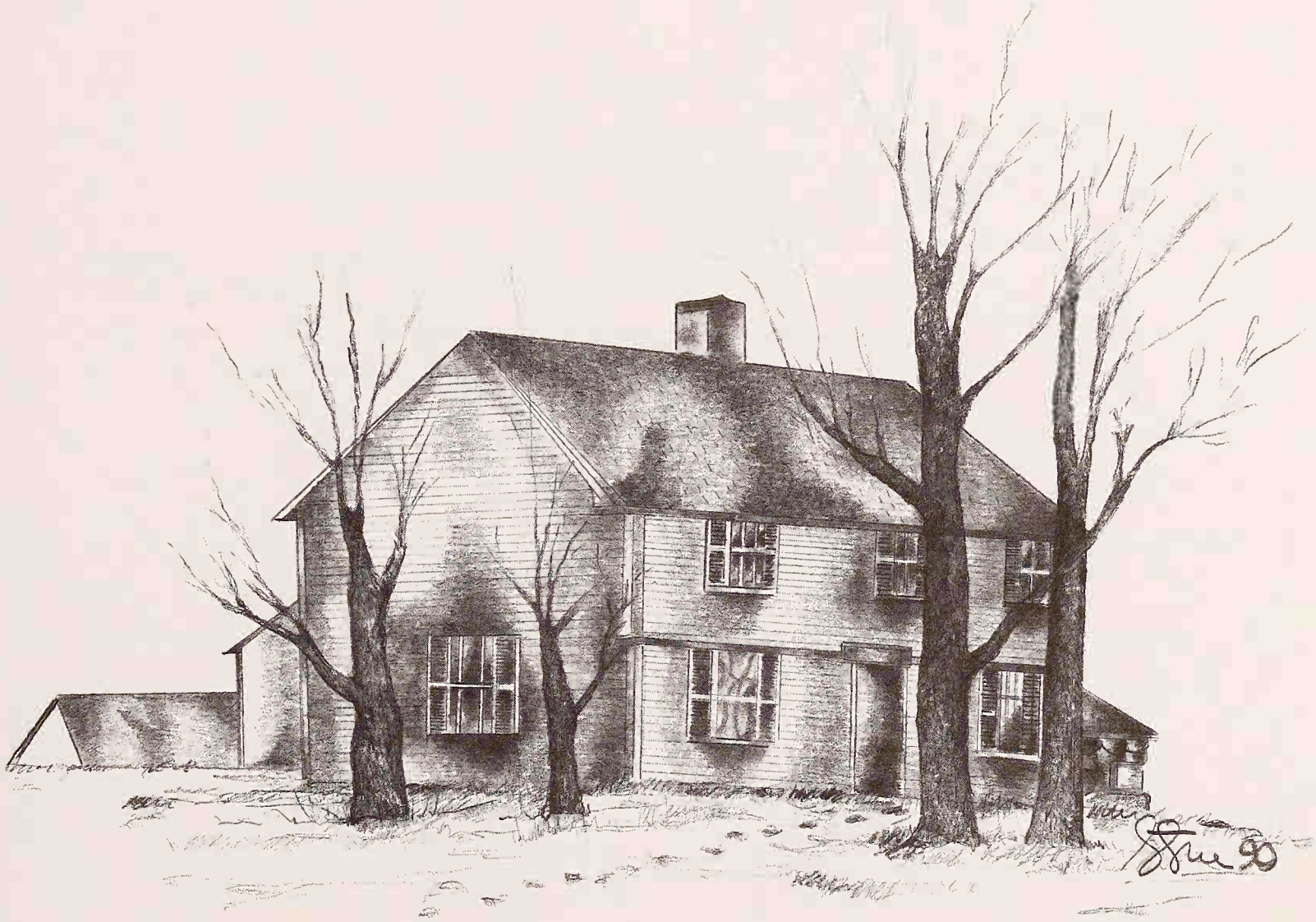

*The Captain John Woodman Garrison House*

*Durham, New Hampshire*

Drawing by Steve L. Woodman, 1990

**I dedicate this book to my beloved sons,**

**Steven Louis Woodman**

**– and –**

**Mark Franklin Woodman**

**December, 1997**

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### Abbreviations

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| **b.** | born | **d.** | died |
| **bur.** | buried | **dau.** | daughter |
| **cem.** | cemetery | **div.** | divorced |
| **EFW, Jr.** | Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.[9], my deceased father-in-law. | **m.** | married |

**State abbreviations in this book are those of the United States Postal Service.**

## NUMBERING SYSTEM

I have used the numbering system John A. Woodman of Ocala, FL used in his book, *"Genealogy and History of the Descendants of Mr. Edward Woodman."*

It is so clear, so simple and easily understood I was delighted to find it and I thank John for it.

Edward was the first generation in America so he was number 1. All of his children are listed; those children who married and had children are assigned a number where they will reappear in the book. Thus Edward's[1] son John will reappear in the book as John[2] numbered **2-1.**

All persons listed without a last name are **Woodman.**

Superior numbers in parentheses are endnote references, e.g., (1).

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# INTRODUCTION

I suppose none of the Woodmans in this book were distinguished, but the important thing about the family is they came to these shores early in the settling of what was to be America. The Pilgrims had been in Plymouth only fifteen years when Edward Woodman arrived in Newbury, Massachusetts. The family was here for 140 years before the American Revolution started! They had come early, but the real trick, of course, was to stay. And stay they did, increasing in numbers as the years passed.

This is a wonderful collection of people. Mostly they were farmers, but there were shoemakers, sleigh makers and carriage trimmers; some made soap and built houses. But they participated, if only in a small way, in most of the important events in the development of this country. Captain John defended his garrison house from the Indians before 1700 and Woodmans fought in every major war this country ever had.

Woodmans hurried off to California to look for gold in 1848. Some went West with wagons and ox teams; several crossed the plains driving herds of cattle before them; one was killed on the old Santa Fe Trail. A few lost everything they had in the Great Chicago Fire and the San Francisco Earthquake; two helped build the Panama Canal. They cleared the land of virgin forests and millions of rocks and plowed the thick prairie of the Middle West for the first time ever while living in sod houses at the edge of loneliness. While no Woodman died at the Little Big Horn with Custer, some of the soldiers who did die there, undoubtedly dined, for their last meal, on crackers made in Charles Leonard Woodman's Chicago bakery.

It must be clear, finally, that this story is about real people. They are not just names with birth and death dates; they really existed here. They worked and loved, hated and grieved, and their lives were no more unblemished than ours.

The old letters are wonderful. It seemed important the essence of these people be allowed to come through; it seemed essential their human qualities be apparent. To achieve this I let them, whenever possible, tell their own story. And I've told some of their secrets when I thought the event happened so long ago that no one could any longer be hurt by the telling.

These ancestors have been allowed, I hope, to show pride in their children, themselves and their country. Tributes to their parents are touching. They have grieved for dead children and lost mates. Sometimes they express droll humor, sharp wit and feistiness. Now and then they reveal anger, bitterness, boastfulness, jealousy and regret for the past. Once in a while they have argued among themselves and on occasion they gossiped.

There were Woodmans who conceived children before marriage; some have conceived children without ever marrying at all. Two were, I thought, magnificent liars and one was an accomplished impostor. Several deserted the Army, some lost their minds and some suffered hard injuries. There is a record of some divorce, but many had marriages of impressive lengths. Sometimes their children got out of control, sometimes they failed to pay their bills and a few ended up in jail.

Some of those letters touched me profoundly. I was saddened by poor, mad Captain Nicholas who lived in his house cage for thirty years. And I loved Betsey Dame Woodman who knelt at the washtub when she was too old to stand. And likable, irrepressible Freeman who said his Uncle Archelaus married a "lightly respected" woman and that she was the witch who bothered his father when he went after the cows. Freeman also wrote that an uncle spent all of his money on a worthless neighbor girl and died without a dollar.

Lastly, it is very apparent that education, learned writing skills and correct spelling are not necessary to eloquently express one's feelings.

Elijah Franklin Woodman could scarcely write or spell at all, but he was capable of describing the most profound loneliness. And dear Mrs. George Woodman of Laconia, New Hampshire who probably never had a bad word to say about anyone wrote, "I was in the cemetery Sunday and thinking of the Woodman familey. I found there were six generations rite there and it seamed quite remarkable. It began with Joshua[5], Deacon John's father, and ended with little Stephan, George's brothers' grandchild . . . And I wish you could see the hills and mountains and woods and the lake . . . .

"Nearly all of the Woodmans here in the east," she continued, "old and young are strong Baptist and good workers in there curch . . . Uncle Lawrence and Uncle Ira and Charles were the only ones of Father's [Wm. S.$^{7}$ (John$^{6}$, Joshua$^{5\text{-}4}$, Jonathan$^{3}$, John$^{2}$)] brothers that I knew and they were all fine Christian men; not any of them veray hansom, but great-hearted men of strong character, always intending to do the best they knew how. And that is all any of us can do."

So here are your ancestors with all their goodness and interesting warts.

Eloise Woodman

***Eloise Woodman***
***December, 1997***

Photograph by Carolyn Marcum

Durham, New Hampshire, Captain John Woodman's old hometown, retains the air of a village to this day. Folks there still drive on a street called The Mast Road, but it has been centuries since oxen went down that road pulling 120-foot-tall, three-foot-diameter trees to the water to be hauled to England where they were fitted as masts on ships of the King's Royal Navy.

And it's quiet down at the Lower Falls of Oyster River now where Woodman's old mill once stood. Even the town's swans go down to Portsmouth for the winter. But the seven-foot tides still rise and fall down there at the river, and the soft gray stone walls which once marked off growing crops, creep slowly over the gentle rises and our ancestors sleep eternally on their ancient farms.

***Roger Stevenson Woodman***
***December, 1945***

Drawn by his Grandson, Joel Elijah Woodman, 1997

## Eulogy Delivered at Eloise Woodman's Funeral Service

by Mark Woodman
January 13, 1998

Eloise was a product of the great depression: "Don't buy anything unless you have the money to pay for it; and even then, you should probably do without . . ." She never had the wants. My brother and I are first-generation college and first-generation two bathrooms!

Eloise was of humble beginnings, growing up in the stark Flint Hills of Kansas. She told me of a special place she had as a child. It was a solitary tree where she would go to escape; to dream and imagine the future. Her spot; grounded in nature and simplicity.

Later she told me of her birthday, sometime in the mid to late 1970's in Rome. She found herself hanging her head out a hotel window, drying her hair, when it struck her how ironic it was that the poor girl from rural Kansas never, in her wildest dreams, imagined she'd find herself in Rome – what a full and rich life – the texture, the bustle of the city below!

Eloise was a strong person. The past four years had challenged her. The loss of her husband; having to take the reins, being fiscally responsible, learning to live alone and not be lonely. She told me this story many times over the past years when she'd reflect on the differences between herself and Dad. To her the story illustrated it perfectly and, coincidentally, is the subject of a popular movie, *Titantic*. She'd say, "While both your father and I would have been brave enough to give up a seat on a lifeboat, Woody would've spent his final hours calmly, dignified, standing on deck, humming a few bars with the band, while I would have been up on the bridge, beating the shit out of the captain!"

June 1, 1995, the day after her 71st birthday, she suffered a heart attack and once again she fought back, and once again she worked until she regained control of her life. She always retained her fierce independence. 1997 had been an excellent year for her. She had asserted her individuality over her environment, feminized her home, had white puffy clouds painted on the ceiling of her dining room and, in general, did as she damn well pleased. As the pictures show, taken just ten days ago, she was happy and felt good. Her affairs were in order, she was enjoying Christmas – her favorite time of the year – and had no unfinished business or issues to resolve. Her book was complete, the cumulative effort of four generations of Woodmans, soon to be published and printed on presses owned by Woodmans. There was no unfinished business. She had met every test and was at peace with herself.

I'd like to thank Dave Mills, Naomi Phinney and Jo Ann Allen for assisting her in preparing her book, *The Woodman Family Genealogy*. To Carolyn Marcum, her fourth cousin from El Dorado, who took these photos and provides us today with a lasting, final image of Eloise – confident, classy, content, and in her element. And, finally, I want to recognize Mel – her master shopper and strong back; Jeanie – her helper, friend and surrogate gardener; and Lissa Causey – the person who probably spent more time with Eloise than anyone over the past four years. Lissa was her next-door neighbor, her nurse, her confidant, her friend and surrogate daughter. Never a day passed that they didn't speak. Her children rang Eloise's doorbell – usually more than once daily – Eloise was always there with a cookie and a smile for them. Lissa and her family kept Eloise young. She'd say to me, "I like looking out and seeing their toys and trikes strewn across my front lawn. It looks good to me."

And now, on behalf of Eloise, to all her friends here today, I say "thank you." She loved each of you as you loved her. She gave freely of her time and found each of you fascinating. She was multi-dimensional. She told me of her recent liking of country western music and would laugh and quote the popular Garth Brooks song, "I've got friends in low places." The truth was, she had friends in *all* places. There was nothing pretentious about her, and she had precious little time to waste on golf or bridge. She didn't read fiction for she found the truth to be even wilder! There was no one better to have on your side than Eloise. She will be sorely missed. She was a person of courage, strength, and dignity, and I loved her dearly.

## Some Further Words by Steve Woodman

In one of our last conversations Mom shared with me her pride in having finally completed the genealogy project begun in the 1920's by my paternal grandfather, Elijah "Frank" Woodman. She couldn't wait to see 13 years of labor and love in book form and it's ironic that she passed away just as her book had reached my brother, the printer.

Unfortunately for Eloise, this will never happen but in a larger historical sense she still accomplished her purpose. As my brother, Mark, and I met with representatives of the Probate Court, tax lawyers, etc., we marveled at how neatly photographed and categorized her estate had been. With patience and skill she had instructed all of us about who we are, where we've been, and where we might be going in the future. As family and friends gathered to celebrate her memory, she again brought us closer together.

Dividing her personal and household items in the weeks following her death was necessary but difficult, but in so doing, we agreed that she intended it to be this way. Like everything else she did in her life, she never left a single task incomplete, or half done. Eloise Geraldine Woodman set the record straight and created an enduring and timeless story that can be told to her children's children. Mom, I'm proud of you and can't imagine a more striking and appropriate legacy. You have achieved a bit of immortality with this fine book.

Eloise is survived by her mother, Freda Meador; her sister, Rosalie Brand of Wichita; two sons, Steve and Mark Woodman; and three grandchildren, Joel, Paul and Phillip, all of Wichita.

Your loving son,

Steve

## In Closing

Shortly before Eloise died she began a journal which is mostly full of observations and anecdotes. However, two items, I believe, warrant inclusion in this book.

The first is a short story written by Eloise and handed out at the funeral called "To Hell With Hemingway." The second is a short paragraph regarding her view of Heaven.

## To Hell With Hemingway

*Back in 1933, when I was about ten, my mother decided my tonsils should be removed. The doctor said he usually charged $15, but if she could find another person willing to have the operation, he would do both for $25. Hard-pressed as usual for money, my enterprising mother asked around and our neighbor, Mrs. Moore, decided her son Charles, also aged ten, needed that service.*

*So, one summer morning before dawn, the two bargain-hunting mothers and their sacrificial lambs set off on the twenty-one-mile trip to Eureka, Kansas, where the great tonsil deal was to be consummated.*

*I became more apprehensive as we neared town, and by the time we had climbed the long flight of stairs up to where Dr. Moore had an office above the Miller Dry Goods Store, I was a nervous wreck and unable to conceal my growing terror.*

*Dr. Moore (who was in no way related to Charles, the patient) came out into the waiting room with a small rubber mallet and tapped me on the knee. Something about the way my leg flew almost as high as my head must have assured Dr. Moore that I was ready to go. Without a blood test, body temperature or a peek at my throat, they carried me, kicking and crying, into the next room where they held me down and gave me ether.*

*Now, the worst part of this was that while I was behaving in such a cowardly fashion, Charles just sat there, grinning and grinning. The least he could do, I thought, was to wipe that stupid smile from his face and to stop acting as though he were attending the county fair. I hated him for his courage and resolved never to speak to him again.*

*When I regained consciousness I vomited a large amount of what appeared to be pure blood on Dr. Moore's floor. Then we got up, walked down the stairs and went to my grandmother's house there in town where the mothers and the two hapless victims were to spend the night. We would be safer near the doctor, they reasoned.*

*By evening I had recovered enough to eat ice cream and walk in my grandmother's yard and look at her flowers I so adored. The once-brave Charles was so sick he could do nothing but whine. Weak and pallid, he could not even swallow his ice cream. Now, I was a hateful child — and a vengeful one — and I loved this turn of events.*

*Late that summer the town was shocked and saddened when the small male child who lived up on the corner from my grandmother, died, as they said, "on the table," while a doctor was performing a tonsillectomy in his tiny throat.*

*And we shuddered as it was whispered from block-to-block that the beautiful young mother, wild with grief at the graveside, had ripped off her lovely wide-brimmed hat so expensively trimmed with net and pink roses, and tore it to pieces and stomped on it. A few people in the town — stolid, unimaginative and thrifty — could not believe someone would destroy a beautiful hat like that which had cost good money.*

*Now time passed and the oil company transferred us to another house on another oil lease and I forgot all about the hated Charles.*

*When I was eighteen and living with my grandmother while I worked at the McClellan Five and Ten Cent Store, Charles' mother called. Charles needed to stay overnight in Eureka, she said, and asked if he might stay at my grandmother's house.*

*Sometime during the night I woke up and Charles was getting into my bed! I was shocked at his choice of venue. My grandmother's house was a poor one — small, with thin walls. But I was also shocked at a deeper level. I had grown up in a family frequently touched by violence and my bed in my grandmother's house had been the safest, sweetest refuge in my world. At the same time all those memories of the loathsome, grinning Charles came flooding back into my mind. So, I summoned all my strength and tried to remember everything I'd learned in the back seat*

*of a car. It was like another shoot-out at the OK Corral. I kicked him, and hit him, and drove him from my bed. It was, perhaps, my finest hour. And all this happened, mind you, without making a sound.*

*I have no idea what I was about in those days. My teacher had kissed me in the school basement when I was in the seventh or eighth grade and, though frightened, I had not reported it. Now, I silently fought my assailant because I did not wish to awaken my grandmother who was sleeping in the next room! What we had here, I think, was a girl who needed screaming lessons. The next morning I would not even look at Charles. Now I hated him more than ever!*

*I look back across more than sixty years to what happened in that office above the Miller Dry Goods Store on that hot summer morning and I realize that the kicking, fighting little ten-year-old girl who did not wish to have her tonsils removed, and the beautiful, grieving, hatless mother had been right. For very different reasons, and in a wordless, mindless manner, they had protested against a barbarous, carelessly practiced medical procedure so common in that era. It's possible that a little luck and strong constitutions saved Charles and me that morning. Or maybe fate turned her back for just a moment and we slipped through. However it happened, I say to hell with Ernest Hemingway and his theory of "grace under pressure"!*

*As for Charles, he and I are seventy-three now and I had not thought of him in ages. I do not know where he is, if even living. I've partly forgiven him for what he did to me so many years ago. I forgive him for trying to get into my bed, but I've never forgiven him for making me feel I lacked courage. No one ever got on my Beautyrest® who treated me like that!*

*I forgot to tell you that Dr. Moore presented me with a small glass bottle containing my preserved tonsils when I left his office that morning. Our family kept them for years. After all, those tonsils had cost us six dollars and a quarter apiece.*

—Eloise Woodman
December 1997

## Queen Anne's Lace

*I love the flower called Queen Anne's Lace. It has a soft, off-white color and is constructed of small, soft, tiny clusters of little dainty flowers. I ask florists to put them in bouquets I order, but they almost never have them. They are a flower that only appeals to women, I think. I once found them growing in the wild — a large field of them — I believe I was in Maine. I was enchanted by the very richness of standing in thousands of flowers which I so much loved. They were waist-high and waved gently in the wind. My feelings that day remain vivid. I might be pleased thinking Heaven is a field of Queen Anne's Lace.*

# FIRST GENERATION

## Edward[1]

1. The progenitor of this family was Edward Woodman who came to Newbury, Massachusetts in 1635.(1) It is supposed he came from Corsham, in Wiltshire County, England.(2) Some accounts say Edward arrived on the ship *James,* but there is no evidence this is true; in fact, he is not named on the passenger list of any ship docking there that year.

He came with his wife and two sons, Edward and John. Every written account gives his wife's name as "Joanna," but I think that is incorrect. While old land deeds are notorious for their varied spellings, even in the same document, in five of their land deeds (which she signed with an "X") she is most often called "Johanna" or "Johannah."(3)

Edward was one of fifteen men among the ninety-one grantees who settled "Ould Newberry," where he received 120 acres of land. Joshua Coffin included him in a list of eighteen of the most wealthy grantees, but it is evident there were men in the group much wealthier than Edward whose 120 acres must be compared to Richard Dummer's 1080 acres, Henry Sewall who got 630 and John Clark with 540 acres.

Each of the grantees was given a house lot of at least four acres and areas of both salt marsh and fresh water meadows.(4)

Edward was graced with the title of "Mister" which Coffin defined as "The rich and educated gentlemen who by birth or profession were entitled . . . ."(5) He became a "Freeman" 25 May 1636 when he took the Freeman's oath,(6) thus winning a right "to vote in the nominations of magistrates, choice of deputies, alias representatives."(7) The oath was as follows:

> I (A. B.) being by Gods providence, an Inhabitant, and Freeman within the Jurisdiction of this Commonwealth; do freely acknowledge my self to be subject to the Government thereof: And therefore do here swear by the great and dreadful Name of the Ever-living God, that I will be true and faithfull to the same, and will accordingly yield assistance & support thereunto, with my person and estate, as in equity I am bound; and will also truly endeavor to maintain and preserve all the liberties and priviledges thereof, submitting my self to the wholesome Lawes & Orders made and established by the same. And further, that I will not plot or practice any evill against it, or consent to any that shall so do; but will timely discover and reveal the same to lawfull authority now here established for the speedy preventing thereof.
>
> Moreover, I doe solemnly bind my self in the sight of God, that when I shal be called to give my voyce touching any such matter of this State, in which Freemen are to deal, I will give my vote and suffrage as I shall judge in mine own conscience may best conduce and tend to the publike weal of the body, So help me God in the Lord Jesus Christ.(8)

In 1637, the Massachusetts Bay Colony recruited 160 men to fight the fearsome Pequot Indians of the Connecticut River valley. Edward was one of eight men taken from Newbury and was made a lieutenant.(9)

In 1636, 1637 and 1638 the town chose Edward, "by papers," as one of their selectmen to conduct the town's business. From that moment, and for many years to follow, Edward was chosen to perform many important assignments for the town. He was a deputy to the General Court 8 September 1636, 18 April 1637, 18 May 1637, 26 September 1637, 2 November 1637, 13 March 1638-39, 22 May 1639, 10 May 1643, 11 May 1659, 30 May 1660, 28 May 1664, 11 May 1670; commissioner for small causes in 1638 and 1641; he was appointed to "settle the ferry" and "stint the commons." When the site of the original town was moved, Edward and others were chosen to resettle the inhabitants and relocate the meeting house; for a time he performed marriages.(10)

Despite all the work Edward did for the town for all those years, he is best known as the leader of the great church fight.

One of the reasons the puritans left old England was to escape the autocratic tactics of the church. They welcomed and insisted upon religious freedom here and set up the Congregational Church.

The quarrel in Newbury had to do with who had the right to exercise power in the church. Was the minister to be the most powerful? Or did the congregations have a right to participate in conducting the church's affairs?

It is difficult now to comprehend the zealousness of the puritans when they thought their religious rights were threatened. Historian George Bancroft wrote, "The puritans . . . established a worship purely spiritual. To them the elements remained but bread and wine; they invoked no saints; they raised no altar; they adored no crucifix; they kissed no book; they asked no absolution; they paid no tithes; they saw in the priest nothing more than a man. The church, as a place of worship was to them but a meeting house; they dug no graves in consecrated earth. Unlike their posterity, they married without a minister, and buried the dead without a prayer."(11)

Edward led the opposition to the church's minister, Reverend Parker, and the congregation split just about even. Edward's supporters were known as "Mr. Edward's party." They accused Reverend Parker of trying to change the church from Congregationalism to Presbyterianism.

The first inkling of the trouble to come began in 1645 and raged for years. Interest in the quarrel was not confined just to Newbury; the entire region watched closely as the church tried to solve its differences. The matter was presented in various courts and appeals were sought. Councils of elders and messengers from churches in the area were convened and reconvened. Sometimes Edward and his party received sympathy but he also received much criticism; at least once Edward was fined twenty nobles. The last of the matter ended in October 1672, though probably to no one's satisfaction.(12)

It was said of Edward that "he was a man of talents, influence, firmness and decision." But, perhaps weary of the long conflict, on 6 February 1682 "Mr. Edward and his wife," with others, formed the Baptist Church in Newbury.(13)

Edward bought and sold several pieces of land, but two deeds are of interest. On 25 March 1681, probably in preparation for their old age, Edward Sr. sold to his son, Jonathan: dwelling house, houses and barns, orchards, pastures, plow lands, three acres of meadow, five acres of meadow and upland, six acres of meadow, twelve acres at northwest end of Plum Island, two and one-half acres of meadow at the old town with a freehold in all common land and wood timber. Jonathan was to pay twenty pounds yearly. Edward's wife Johannah gave up her dower. This was likely an arrangement to ensure their care in their old age.(14)

Later in the year, on 8 September, Edward, Sr. gave as a gift, a 300-acre farm "lying above the town of Haverhill" to his son John Woodman "Dwelling now at Oister River at Pescataquay . . . that was given me by ye honored Generall Court."(15)

It isn't clear when Edward and Johannah died. Johannah was living 23 February 1687-88 when she and Edward sold property to Peter Marshall; it is not clear she was alive when "an invoyes of August, 88, Newbury" showed "Mr. Woodman and Jonathan" had "two houses, eight plow lands, sixteen meadow, four pasture, two oxen, four cows, and fifteen sheep."(16 ) Edward was dead by 3 July 1692 when Jonathan Woodman, a shipright, sold Richard Jackman two acres of salt marsh he got from his "honored father Edward late of Newbury, decd."(17)

Edward was buried in Newbury in "The First Burial Ground 1635" and a stone has been erected there in his memory. Down on the Oldtown Green is a monument with a sailing ship on top. On one side of the monument are listed the ninety-one Grantees of the new town.

*Edward's children:*(18)

i Edward[2], b. ca. 1628 in England; m. Mary Goodridge 20 Dec 1653.

2-1 ii John[2], b. ca. 1630 in England.

iii Joshua[2], b. ca. 1636; m. Elizabeth Stevens 23 Jan 1665-66. The inscription on his gravestone in Byfield Parish reads:

> Here lies ye body of Mr. / Joshua Woodman / Who died May ye 30th / 1703, aged 67 years; first man child borne / in Newbury / and second intered in / this place.(19)

Records of the town indicate that may not be true.

"Newbury Aprill ye 2d 1717. Three persons claim ye right of ye first born in this Towne: viz: Joshua Woodman Caleb Moodey & ye wife of Peter Godfre; these being not to be found in ye Record: it must be given to mr Shubael Dimmer: as apears by ye following account . . . 1635 Shubael ye son of mr Richard Dimmer born february: 17th."(20)

iv Mary[2], b. ca. 1638; m. 20 Feb 1660 John Browne.

v Sarah[2], b. 12 Jan 1641-42; m. 13 March 1665-66 to John Kent, Jr.

vi Jonathan[2], b. 5 (or 8) Nov 1643; m. Hannah Hilton 2 Jul 1668.

vii Ruth[2], b. 28 Mar 1646; m. Benjamin Lowle 17 Oct 1666.

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## Archelaus[1]

The same year Edward arrived at Newbury, a man called Hercules landed; it is said he was Edward's half brother.

The passenger list of the ship *James* is:

> South$^{on}$ – A List of names of suche Passeng$^{rs}$ as shipt themselves at the towne of Hampton, in the James of London i i j c tonnes William Coop$^{r}$ M$^{r}$ v$^{rs}$ New-England, in and aboute the v$^{t}$ Aprill, 1635 . . . .
>
> Thomas Browne, of Malford [Perhaps Milford in Hants].
> Hercules Woodman, of the same, mercer.

Author Samuel Drake interpreted this old passenger list of the *James* to mean that Malford really meant a town named Milford in "Hants," Hants being another name for Hampshire County in England.(1) At another time, however, this same Samuel Drake who was once president of the New England Historic Genealogical Society wrote that, "according to Mr. Coffin [author Joshua Coffin], Archelaus came from Wales."(2)

In 1855 Cyrus Woodman engaged Joshua Coffin to compile the book of descendants of Mr. Edward Woodman, and Coffin wrote that Archelaus was from Christian Malford in Wiltshire County, England. Cyrus Woodman was to say later that he didn't know where Coffin got that information. It isn't clear at all how Drake could think Coffin said Archelaus was from Wales.(3)

Hercules Woodman who was likely the half brother of Edward Woodman settled in Newbury, Massachusetts in 1635 as one of the ninety-one Grantees.(4) In this country he called himself "Archelaus" and gave his occupation as a mercer.

It is not certain when Archelaus was born. He is said to have been baptized in Corsham, Wiltshire County, England 23 January 1613/14.(5) Archelaus' birth date is not clear at all. In 1678 Archelaus took the oath of allegiance stating he was sixty years old; this would make him born about 1618 and seventeen years old when he arrived in Newbury. On 9 November 1695, Archelaus made a deposition and called himself eighty years of age. Coffin wrote that Archelaus died 7 October 1702 about ninety years of age; if that is true he was born about 1612 and came to this country when he was twenty-three.(6)

Archelaus must have been a true patriot for in May of 1637 he walked from Newbury to Cambridge, Massachusetts a distance of forty miles, to take the freeman's oath so he could vote. He became a freeholder in 1642 and was granted a house lot in 1645.

On 8 April 1646 he was "fyned 12 pence for absence from the generall towne meeting," but through the years he did much for his community and held many public offices. He was constable in 1648, a selectman in 1661, commissioner to try small causes in 1670-71, and on 31 May 1670 he was appointed Lieutenant of the Newbury militia. Once in 1674 and twice in 1675 he was the deputy to the General Court from Newbury.(7) Archelaus was on Edward's side in the great church fight in Newbury and supported him in every way.(8)

Archelaus married first, Elizabeth _____ who died 17 December 1677; he married his second wife Dorothy Chapman on 13 November 1678.(9)

There are several documents in the Registry of Deeds recording Archelaus' affairs but two are of interest. On 24 December 1680 Archelaus agreed that his wife Dorothy had used her money to purchase two acres in Rowley, Massachusetts and that if she preceded him in death, the land was his only as long as he lived. The other deed was on 6 Jan. 1698/9 when a long agreement was drawn between Lt. Archelaus and his grandson Archelaus Adams providing for the elder man's maintenance in old age.(10) Dorothy died before 25 September 1716.(11)

*Archelaus and Elizabeth's child:*

1. Sarah[2] b. ca. 1638, m. 26 Sept. 1657 to John Brocklebank of Rowley, MA. John's will probated 25 Sept. 1666 mentioned his wife Sarah, daughters Sarah and Elizabeth and his father-in-law Archelaus Woodman.(12) Sarah married for her 2nd husband, John Adams of Newbury.(13)

*Sarah & John B.'s children (named Brocklebank):*(14)

1. John[3] b. 1658.
2. Elizabeth[3] b. 20 Nov. 1660.
3. Sarah[3] mentioned in her father's will; married Lt. James Putnam of Salem, MA, prior to 6 Jan. 1686.

*Sarah & John A.'s children (named Adams):*

4. Archelaus[3] made a deed with his grandfather Archelaus[1].(15)
5. John, Jr.[3] may be Sarah's child and the John, Jr. who was born 11 Mar 1667-8 and died March 1717-18 who was said to be the son of Lt. John and Sarah (Woodman) Adams of Ipswich, MA. This John, Jr. married Hannah Treadwell in Ipswich 22 May 1690. Hannah was born 7 Feb. 1669-70 and died in Ipswich 23 Oct. 1733.

This John was a miller and had children Hannah, Sarah, Abigail, John, Mary, Priscilla.(16)

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## SECOND GENERATION

## Captain John[2] (Edward[1])

**2-1.** John was the second son of Edward and Johanna Woodman. He was born in England about 1630 and came to Newbury, Massachusetts with his parents in 1635.

On 15 July 1656, John married Mary Field who was born about 1631, the daughter of Darby and Agnes Field.(1)

That same year John left Newbury and went north twenty-five or thirty miles (probably by sail) to the Parish of Dover located in what was known as the Piscataqua region. A community even older than Newbury, Dover had been settled in 1623. It was located inland eight or ten miles, not far from where the Piscataqua River empties into the Atlantic Ocean, the river that serves as the boundary line between New Hampshire and the southern tip of Maine.(2)

He went to that section of Dover Parish which as early as 1640 was called the Oyster River Plantation. Located at the head of salt water on Oyster River with a tide of seven feet, the area seems always to have had a separate history from Dover, although it was 4 May 1716 before the place was made a separate parish and 13 May 1732 before it was incorporated as a township and became Durham, New Hampshire.(3)

John probably went north looking for land and new chances because land was becoming scarce in Newbury. In fact by 1661 the town dismissed its "lot layers" because there was no new land left in the town. Besides, Mary's father, Darby Field had been living up in Oyster River a long time.(4)

Darby, the son of John Field, was born in Boston, England about 1610. He came to Boston, Massachusetts about 1636, and by April of 1638 he was in the Piscataqua area. Darby was mentioned as having land at Durham Point where he had a license to sell wine and keep an ordinary (inn); he was first rated (taxed) in Oyster River 10 October 1648.(5)

It is said Darby was the first white man to visit the White Mountains in New Hampshire and to give an account of it; one source claims him to be the first white man to ascend Mt. Washington.(6) But by 1 October 1651, Darby seems to have fallen upon hard times, for Ambrose Gibbons was appointed administrator of poor Darby's estate and Strawberry Bank (now Portsmouth, New Hampshire) was required to contribute toward the expense of the "imprisonment of Darbey Field and keepinge him who was distracts of his wits."(7)

John was accepted as an inhabitant at Oyster River 17 June 1657(8) and on 10 November 1658 he received a grant of 100 acres in the southwest part of Durham along the Lamprey River, an area called Packer's Falls. This land later became the home of John's grandson, Joshua[4].(9)

In 1660 John had a grant of twenty acres at the head of Beard's Creek there in Durham. John added to that homestead when he paid seven pounds to Benjamin Mathes 10 November 1663, for land described as a "Parcel of Marsh situate lying and being within the Precincts of Oyster River being on the West side of William Beard's Creek containing all the Marsh on the North side of Stony Brook unto the Head of said Creek." A public landing place was there and south of it on a commanding hill John built his garrison house.(10)

John was probably a farmer, as was almost everyone. From an early time he may also have been in lumbering for he and his sons John, Jr. and Jonathan were doing business at Captain John Gerrish's saw mill in 1686. A few years later John got into lumbering in a much bigger way.(11)

On 13 September 1697, the town voted to permit Captain John and three others to erect mills at the Lower Falls of Oyster River. They were to pay an annual rent of seven pounds for this privilege, payable in money or boards. Six years later, John and his partners appeared before the town meeting and asked that the rent be lowered. "You have granted the Erecting another Mill above ours Upon the same stream which is all Ready built which is of much to our damage," they said, and the town agreed.(12)

Thus began a long tradition of Woodman milling at the Lower Falls of Oyster River. When John died in 1706, the mills went to his son Jonathan and they passed on through generations until they were sold probably after 1869 by John's great-great-great-grandson John Smith Woodman.

John was always active in the political life of his town and signed many petitions. In 1685, he and his sons John, Jr. and Jonathan signed a petition to notify England and the king of their dissatisfaction with Gov. Cranfield of Massachusetts. On 20 February 1689/90 John and his townsmen signed a paper asking to be protected by Massachusetts. Five years later the town asked again that Oyster River be made a township.(13)

On 5 January 1698 John signed the Anti-Catholic Declaration of the New Hampshire General Assembly. He declared, "That I do believe That in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the Elements of bread & Wine into the body and blood of Christ . . . and that the Invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other Saint & the Sacrafice of the Masse, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are Superstitious and Idolatrous . . . ."(14) It is shocking to find such a document signed in a country whose very foundation was framed around the idea of freedom of religion.

After 1661 when John served on a jury, he held many offices of public trust. On 17 May 1669 the fifty families of Oyster River (220 people) chose John to go to the General Court of Massachusetts with their plea to be set off from Dover Parish and be made a separate township.(15)

On 15 July 1675 the town sent John and two others to meet with selectmen of Portsmouth, the Isle of Shoals and other communities "to raise relief" for the burned-out victims of the first Indian attacks in the area.(16)

In 1686 and 1688 he laid out roads; in 1694 he was assigned to laying out lots.(17) When Governor Andros was overthrown in Massachusetts, leaving New Hampshire without a government, the people elected John in 1690 as one of six to meet with the other three towns in New Hampshire to decide upon some form of government. He was a council member in 1692, 1693, 1694, 1696, 1699, 1702, 1703, 1704.(18) John was a selectman of Dover in 1662, 1670, 1674, 1675, 1686, 1687, 1694; in 1675 he was the moderator.(19)

By 1694 John was a Justice of the Peace; he was a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas from 1702-1706. In that capacity he handled land deeds, married people, heard depositions and negotiated small matters. One of his more interesting cases occurred in 1705 when he examined Mrs. Welthen Simonds and decided that due to old age and infirmities she was incapable of deciding to give her land away.(20)

John not only participated in the legal and civil affairs of the town, the Massachusetts Governor's Council made him a Captain, March 1690, a commission renewed 20 September 1692. He and his garrison figured largely in the military history of the town.(21)

The people of Oyster River had enjoyed a peaceful relationship with the Indians for fifty years. But this was to change as both France and England began expanding their economic interests on the new continent. Thus in 1675 a conflict began which continued for eighty years and was not finished until the end of the French-Indian War in 1763. Each side, but especially the French, enlisted the aid of the Indian to help them in their efforts to attack and conquer England's settlers who were pouring into America. King Philip's War, King William's War, Queen Anne's War, and King George's War were all part of that conflict.(22)

Little has been written about the suffering from Indian attacks endured by the people in Oyster River, Dover and other settlements in the Piscataqua area. Few are aware the invasions were so deadly and continued for so many years. Many were killed or carried away as captives.

The settlers of Oyster River now found themselves being attacked on the trails, in their homes and while working in their fields. To protect themselves they built fortified houses called

garrisons. By 1694 Oyster River had, perhaps, fourteen of them. When an alarm was given the inhabitants left their homes and fled to the garrisons. John's "strong house" was maybe the strongest and best-known of them all.

The first attack came in 1675 during what was called King Philip's War. August of 1689 was a terrible time at Oyster River and so was July of the next year. Now the town sent for help, asking the Governor's Council of Massachusetts for protection. "Wee . . . having been for some time distitute of power Sufficient to put our selves into A capacity of defence against the comon enemie," they wrote, and asked the council to send soldiers to serve in the garrisons. John signed this plea.(23) Massachusetts responded by sending soldiers to the Oyster River garrisons. The worst attacks came on 18 July 1694 when three garrisons were taken, thirteen houses burned and ninety-four persons were killed or captured.(24)

Soldiers stayed at the garrison houses off and on for years.

On 1 April 1697 John wrote, "This may inform whom it may concern, that these four men here named, William Pomroy, John Hill, Richard Place and Joshua Brackett served their majesty soldiers in a garrison at Oyster River in the Province of New Hampshire in the year 1696; Richard Pomroy six weeks; the other two, three, four weeks apiece. They have had former debentures for the same, but lost [them]. John Woodman, Captain."(25)

John continued issuing reports of soldier activities for several years. It cost seven pounds, four shillings to house two soldiers in his garrison from 24 May 1697 to 4 October 1697, he wrote.(26) He also wrote the following for a soldier who served in the garrison:

> Thes may sartyfy Hom it may conseren / that mathu nelson sarved their magisty A / soulder in gareson at oister River / & other werks in febery 1695-6 / John woodman capt.

This certificate is endorsed:

> To home it may Coscern / I doe a signe this debenter / to Nicho: Bennett as / a test my hand / matthew Nelson.

Indian attacks continued for years,(27) and neighbors were probably running to the Woodman garrison for protection long after John was dead.

On 6 July 1698, nine days before their 42nd wedding anniversary, Mary died. On 17 October 1700, John married again. His bride was Sarah (Burnham) Huckins, the widow of James Huckins.(28)

She was born about 1654, the daughter of Robert and Frances Burnham of Oyster River. Sarah had married James Huckins about 1673. In August of 1689 they were attacked by Indians and James was killed; Sarah was carried away and held captive for about a year. She was rescued by Major Church and returned to Oyster River.(29) John's marriage to Sarah was probably a short one, though, for Sarah was not mentioned in John's will. It is likely she was dead by then.

Calling himself "Aged and well strechen in yeares," John made his will as follows:(30)

> John Woodman 1705 Dover
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> In the Name and ffear off God Amen – the twentie day of december in the year of our Lord God one thousand Sevin hundred and five I John Woodman of the Towne of dover in the provance of New hempshir being Aged and well strecken in yeares
> first I will Bequeath and Give my Sone Jonathan Woodman the whole of all my Landes Improved and Unimproved ant the whole part of the mill att oystar river with the whole off all my marsh and middow Ground all of which whole off my Landes milles marshes and middowes I do Give with all the priveledges and appurtinances unto my Son Jonathan woodman and his heires and Executores and assigneyes to be had and held by him and them for Ever from and Immediatlie after my decease

> Itt: I doe will bequeath give to my daughter Mary Small six shillings in money with what I have formerlie Given her to be payed by my Executur within six months after my decease. Itt: I doe will bequeath and Give to my daughter Sarah Tamson six shillings money with what formerlie Given her to be payed by my Executor within six months after my decease Itt: as to the Remainder of my Esteat personall and Reall billes bonds dewes debts and demandes whatsoever as in whos hands soever it may be found I doe will bequeath to my sone and heir Jonathan Woodman whom I doe ordaine Constitut and appoynt my Sole Executor in Trust to sie this my will performed all which Esteat to be had and hold by him the Said Jonathan woodman his heires Executors and assigneyes for Ever Immadiallie from and after my decease he or they paying such sum or sumes of money as I shall see Cawse herafter by a Coddisall to annex my hand and Seall.
>
> John woodman [seal]
>
> Witnes
> Stephen Jones
> Joseph Jones
> [proved Feb. 4 and 11, 1706/7.]

It isn't clear when John died. His will was proved February 4 and 11, 1706/7. On 13 February 1706/7 Reverend Pike wrote in his journal, "We should have noted that Capt. John Woodman of Oyster River an understanding man & several years justice of ye peace died suddenly upon ye_____."[31] (In the margin of the Pike record someone has written the date of John's death as 17 September 1706.)

An inventory of John's estate has never been found, but since there is no record that he ever sold land, he had:

100 acres (1658 grant at Packer's Falls)
20 acres (1660 grant by Beard's Creek in Durham)
20 acres (1661 grant of upland)
? acres (1663 purchase from Benjamin Mathes of land west of Beard's Creek)
240 acres (1693/4 grant to John & sons John and Jonathan). All or part of this land was referred to in later deeds as "the burnt ground." Author Mary P. Thompson said the name was indicative of an extensive forest fire in early times. But it is possible these fires might have been set by Indians who used this method to clear land for plantings. (See the book *A Long, Deep Furrow – Three Centuries of Farming in New England*, p. 37.)
300 acres (1681 gift from father. "I Edward Woodman Senr of Newbury . . . freely give . . . into the hands of my Son John Woodman Dwelling now at Oister River at Pescataquay . . . our farm . . . Lying above the town of haverill . . . ."[32])

So John left more than 640 acres, the garrison house and the mills at the lower falls on Oyster River. All to his only living son Jonathan.

Durham did not have a cemetery until 1926, it having been the custom to be buried in a private family graveyard on one's farm. There are seventy-seven small graveyards around Durham. If you go to Durham now and drive to the end of Woodman Road and step into the woods, there is the Woodman Cemetery. It is down the hill from where the garrison house stood—all part of John's old farm. This must be where John and his wives, Mary and Sarah, are buried, though there are no markers for such early graves.[33]

The 1913 *Granite Monthly* described the area as follows:

> Near this location [the Woodman Burying Ground] you will see mounds with large pasture stones. This was known as the Indian Burying Ground. These are supposed to be the graves of a tribe of Indians that inhabited that section of the country. In 1834 one of the townspeople opened one of these mounds and there found a grave which was supposed to contain the body of an Indian chief, which was wrapped in a mooseskin; outside of this was a copper breast plate, upon this rested a knife sixteen inches long, a copper band encircled

> the head; the remains were dried and in a perfect state of preservation. In the left ear was an earring two and one-half inches long. In this grave was found a triangular hatchet like those mentioned by Captain Smith.(34)

Mary P. Thompson wrote:

> The tongue of land on the west side of Beard's Creek, where the Woodmans lie buried, not far from their garrison, has always borne the name of the Indian burying-ground, derived perhaps from a tradition that they were partly of Indian descent, through an early member of the family said to have married a dusky maiden of the Mohawk race. Nothing has been found in the records, however, to justify this romantic tradition.(35)

It isn't clear if any signs of the Indian burial mounds remain now, or if anyone in the town has knowledge of them.

While John is remembered as an early leader in the town, it was that garrison house he built which became famous; it lived on for 190 years after he was dead.

"This garrison," Mary P. Thompson wrote in 1892, "which is still in an admirable state of preservation is one of the largest and most noted of the Oyster River defenses. It is beautifully situated on the eastern slope of a hill at the head of Beard's Creek, with brooks and deep ravines on every side of the acclivity, except at the west. It has a fine outlook for an approaching enemy, as well as a charming view in every direction, except in the rear, where the rise of land intercepts the prospect. Durham village, which did not exist when this garrison was built, lies at the south in full view, embosomed among trees; and at the east may be traced the windings of Oyster River on its way to the Piscataqua."(36)

Samuel Adams Drake also wrote of the garrison:

> It was one of the best preserved specimens of its time to be found in New England. The situation is superb, overlooking the country for miles around. On a beautiful wooded knoll to the south rest the remains of seven generations of the Woodman family, from John Woodman, the earliest occupant of these grounds, in 1659, to the latest in 1862.(37)

The exact year John built the house isn't known, but King Philip's War began in 1675 and that year Indians attacked Oyster River. So the house was probably built close to that time. It burned 8 November 1896, thought to be accidentally set afire by a vagrant. That night, some quick-thinking citizen took three pictures of the blazing house, which are printed in Volume I of *The History of Durham, New Hampshire*.(38) The next morning, the townspeople gazed at the blackened ruins; only the tall chimney and the old hearthstone remained. This 221-year-old landmark of theirs was gone now – nothing but a pile of ashes. And they were going to miss it!(39)

This noble house, with marks of arrowheads, with bullets embedded in its wooden sides,(40) and the land it rested on, had been sold in 1876. This was part of the little twenty-acre grant John got in 1660. Seven generations of Woodmans had lived there. They had owned the land continuously for 216 years. Anna Mary Woodman (wife of Captain John's great-great-great-grandson, Prof. John Smith Woodman) was the one who sold it. She and John S. had but one child, little Fanny, who died very young many years before. Anna Mary was the only one left.

It is said Lucien Thompson, coauthor of *History of Durham*, Volume I, and a descendant of Captain John's daughter, Sarah Woodman Thompson, saved a 12" x 16" log and one of the wooden pins which held the old house together. The Durham Historic Association has an engraved brick from the old chimney, though I have not seen it.

The Durham Middle School sits about where the old garrison rested for so many years. When I asked if it were possible to locate the exact site of the garrison Mary Anna Hatch wrote, "Unfortunately the terrain has been altered so much in that area it may not be an exact determina-

tion."[41]

Now the garrison's old hearthstone sits in front of the Middle School. "The stone was moved when [the] east wing was added," wrote Philip A. Wilcox, "but the marker was made by one of our University of New Hampshire forge men, from copper kettles, wash boilers, etc. Maybe a project of the Women's Club."[42]

Although the garrison is gone, Beard's Creek is still there, and the land and the cemetery. It is very moving to stand in the cemetery knowing that Captain John and all the others have walked just there – moving to know, that if you are a Woodman, you are at your ancestral home.

*John's children:*[43]

i John, Jr.[3] died 10 June 1705. There is no doubt Captain John had a son called John, Jr., though he was not listed in his father's will and there is no record of John, Jr.'s marriage or having children. While it is clear John, Jr. existed, authorities have agreed on little else about him. Some have said he was the John Woodman who operated the ferry from Kittery, Maine to Strawberry Bank (Portsmouth, NH). They say he married Mary, the daughter of Francis Raynes, Sr. of York, Maine. But John Woodman, the ferryman, was not related to Captain John of Oyster River. The ferryman made a deposition in April 1702 that he had come from Newfoundland "in the fall 13 or 14 at most years ago and never was in this country before."[44]

There are a few documents which prove John, Jr. existed. The first mention of John, Jr. occurs in a land deed dated 19 April 1675 at Oyster River in which his land is described as a boundary line.[45] Young John, Jr.'s name can be found five more times:

(1) John Woodman, Sr., John Woodman, Jr. and Jonathan Woodman are listed in Captain John Gerrish's 1686-7 account book. Captain Gerrish had a sawmill over by Dover, NH and conducted some sort of mercantile business.[46]
(2) John Woodman, Sr., John Woodman, Jr. and Jonathan Woodman signed a petition in 1685 protesting Lt. Gov. Cranfield's leadership.[47]
(3) On 10 August 1692 the three petitioned that New Hampshire be granted equal privileges with Massachusetts.[48]
(4) On 19 March 1693/4, the town granted twelve score acres of land on the south side of Beech Hill to Captain John Woodman and his sons John and Jonathan.[49]
(5) The final reference to John, Jr. is in Reverend Pike's Journal when he wrote, "June 10, 1705 Deceased ye Reverend Michael Wigglesworth, minister of Malden on ye Sabbath-day. The same day died John Woodman, Jun of Oyster River."[50]

3-1 ii Mary[3], 1662.

3-2 iii Sarah[3].

3-3 iv Jonathan[3], b. about 1665.

**Note:**

The following information is for researchers attempting to separate the Woodman families in southern Maine:

John the ferryman married Mary Raynes, the daughter of Francis. Francis Raynes made his will 21 August 1693 and mentioned "my daughter Woodman" and her husband John. John is said to have had a second wife also.[51]

There are many land deeds of this John the ferryman. He bought land in Portsmouth, NH 10 April 1699 and lived there until 1711 when he bought land in Kittery, Maine. By 19 July 1715 John was in York, Maine.[52]

*John the ferryman is said to have had three children:*[53]

i Anne, b. 10 Mar 1692/3.

ii John, b. 4 May 1696; m. Mary Hepworth 1723(?) Lived in York, ME.

iii Mary, b. 1 Jun 1701; m. John More of York, ME about 1724.

It isn't certain when John the ferryman died, but he was dead by 1754 and so was his son John, Jr. That year John, Jr.'s estate was divided among his children who were: Joseph, Benjamin, Anna Glidden, Mary Jacobs, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Susanna, and Lois.(54)

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# THIRD GENERATION

## Mary[3] (John[2], Edward[1])

**3-1.** Mary was born in Oyster River (later called Durham), New Hampshire in 1662 or before.(1) She married Edward Small, who was born about 1651,(2) the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Leighton ?) Small.

Francis Small, born 1627, lived in Dover, New Hampshire in 1648. In 1668 he bought from an Indian a large piece of land known as Ossippee where he had a house and trading post. It is supposed the land is now Cornish, Maine. Francis was in Kittery, Maine from 1668 to about 1700 when he went to Truro, Massachusetts, out on Cape Cod.(3)

Edward Small received a forty-acre grant of land 19 March 1693/94, "land joining to his plantation above the head of Oyster River." By 1695 or 1696 he and Mary were in Monomoit (Manamoit, Manomoisett) which is now Chatham, Massachusetts.(4)

At a meeting on 15 February 1700, the town of Monomoit voted to build a meeting house and appointed Edward Small, who was a carpenter, to be the "fore workman" to get "the timber and to frame the house."(5)

There was a problem securing lumber for the church and on 26 July 1700 Captain John wrote to Edward and Mary:

> Son Edward and daughter mery Smalle: A store of Love to you: by thes you may knowe that I received yours and that we ar not without feres [fears] of further trobeles by the Indons: by Reson there of: I cannot yet aduyss [advise] you: to mache Anny preparation: Hom ward: until wee heve further proned [proved]: thays keeping of the peace: Lest your Returen should be so unsesonebl that it might be As much dameg to you: as your Removing thether: thay hane [have] not as yet: yousd [used] Anny Hostilety: tourds ye Englesh I have sent you A thousand of good bords by William Eldrege your brother Jonathan cannot yet sell your Hors: any thing Lick [like] to the worth of Him: senc His order to sell Him wee or all in Resonebel good Halth threw gods marsy: your brothers and sisters Remember thayer Loves to you:
>
> from your Loving father
> John Woodman
>
> Oyster River
> July 26: 1700
>
> This for Edward
> Smalle at monamey(6)

Edward drowned 30 April 1702 in a boating accident with three other men from the village. It was an open boat, probably on a fishing or whaling trip.

Edward died without a will. He had not purchased land in Monomoit for the inventory of his estate lists none. It did include carpenter's tools, guns, a sword, farm tools and household goods. The inventory was taken 15 May 1702; it was sworn to 8 July 1703 by Mary who had kept out a piece of homespun cloth to make clothes for her children.(7)

Mary's father died 17 September 1706 leaving "my daughter Mary Small six shillings in money with what I have formerlie Given her."(8)

Mary stayed on after Edward's death, even buying land at Toms Neck (Chatham?). On 10 June 1707 her brother Jonathan "in Consid[n] of ye Natural Love & affection w[ch] I have & bear to my Sister Mary Small of Moniemay" gave Mary twenty acres on the south side of Oyster River "betwixt ye Mill Pond & ye River."(9) Mary did not go immediately to Oyster River; she first moved to Harwich, Massachusetts. But by 8 July 1717 Mary was in Oyster River, selling her land in Chatham.(10)

In 1721 Mary asked the selectmen of Oyster River to compensate her for caring for Archibel Smith and his badly wounded knee. The selectmen gave her a grant of twenty acres which, in 1742,

she deeded to her grandsons Edward & Joseph of Durham, New Hampshire. It is said she was probably more than eighty years old at that time.(11) Mary may be buried in the Woodman graveyard on her father's old farm there in the middle of Durham, but there are no markers.

*Mary's children (named Small):*(12)

4-1 i Edward[4].

4-2 ii Jonathan[4], b. about 1683.

iii Elizabeth[4], m. 1 Sep 1705, at Eastham, MA. Married to Caleb Lumbard (Lombard), of Monomoy (Chatham), MA, son of Caleb (?).

4-3 iv Joseph[4], b. about 1690.

4-4 v Zachariah[4], b. about 1698.

4-5 vi Benjamin[4], b. about 1700.

vii Alice[4].

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## Sarah[3] (John[2], Edward[1])

3-2. Sarah married John Thompson between 1678 and 1680, the son of William Thompson. William had a grant of land in Dover, New Hampshire as early as 1656, but he lived across the Piscataqua River around Kittery, Maine.

Sarah and John lived on a farm near her father, Captain John, in Durham. John Thompson died sometime between 12 April 1733 when he made his will, and 24 July 1734 when it was probated. Sarah had given birth to three sons and four daughters. They founded one of the most illustrious families Durham ever had.

Their descendants were active in the affairs of the town and several were distinguished collectors of historical data about people and places of the area. The Thompson who did the most was Sarah & John's great-great-grandson, Benjamin, whose gift of land and fortune persuaded the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts to move from Hanover, New Hampshire to Durham. This school became the University of New Hampshire.(1)

In 1989 Helen Thompson Heath wrote, "... my great-grand-Uncle Benjamin Thompson ... left his farm [500 acres] and entire fortune to the State of New Hampshire if they would build a University on his farm ... He died [in] 1890 and [the] University of New Hampshire opened 1893. Thompson Hall, that gorgeous building ... built with his money and other buildings too ... his fortune with interest amounted to almost a million which in that day was a lot of money ...."(2)

Volume II of *The History of Durham, New Hampshire* gives many more pages of Sarah's descendants than I have given here.

*Sarah's children (named Thompson):*[3]

**4-6** i John[4], Jr., b. 1687.
**4-7** ii Jonathan[4], b. 1693.
**4-8** iii Robert.[4]
iv Sarah[4], m. Samuel Hill of Durham 12 Jun 1718.
v Hannah[4], m. Moses Steven of Somersworth, NH.[4]
vi Elizabeth[4], m. Eleazer Clark of Wells, ME 6 Jul 1727.
**4-9** vii Mary[4], m. Hubbard Stevens.[5]

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## Jonathan[3] (John[2], Edward[1])

**3-3.** Jonathan was born about 1665 in Oyster River which later became known as Durham, New Hampshire.[1] Since the town very early granted his father, Captain John, a right to have a mill at the lower falls on Oyster River, it is likely Jonathan and his brother John, Jr., farmed and worked in the lumber business. They and their father are mentioned as having done business at Captain Gerrish's lumber mill in 1686.[2]

On 19 March 1693/4 Jonathan, along with his father and brother John, Jr., were granted 240 acres on the south side of Beech Hill, part of which would later be referred to as "the burnt ground." Less than a month later Jonathan and three others were granted "the hole streame of Lamprele (Lamprey) River for the erecting of a sawmill or mills" and fifty acres of ground.[3]

Now that Jonathan had an interest in some land and a way to make a living, he must have thought of finding a wife. And about 1698, at the age of 33, he married Elizabeth, who was born about 1670, the daughter of Joshua and his first wife Patience (Hatch) Downing, who lived across the Piscataqua River in Kittery, Maine. In his will, Elizabeth's father, Joshua Downing, called his daughter Elizabeth, "the wife of Jonathan Woodman of Oyster river" and appointed Jonathan as one of the executors of his estate. When he died the old man left ten pounds to Jonathan and Elizabeth's first child, Mary.[4]

Following their marriage, Elizabeth and Jonathan lived somewhere on the 240-acre grant, for an old deed mentions his land being near Follett's Swamp.[5]

When Captain John died in 1706, his estate, except for a few pounds, passed undivided to Jonathan as the only surviving son. So at the age of forty-one, Jonathan received all the land, John's part of the mill on Oyster River and moved into the garrison house.[6]

On 10 June of the next year Jonathan gave his sister, Mary, twenty acres on the south side of Oyster River "for Divers Causes & good Consid$^{n}$ moving me thereunto & Especially for & in Consid$^{n}$ of ye Natural Love & affection wc$^{h}$ I have & bear to my sister Mary Small of Moniemay" (Chatham, MA). Elizabeth, unable to write, signed the deed with a mark as she gave up her dower.[7]

In that time, the law entitled a wife to her dower, called her "thirds." At her husband's death

she was allowed one-third of his real property but for only as long as she lived; she could not sell it or will it away. She was allowed one-third of the personal property she and her husband owned at his death and this she could keep; this she could use and dispose of as she wished. A wife was seldom allowed to make a will, sell property, sue or be sued in court or to make a contract. But at the same time, a single woman enjoyed all those privileges.(8)

Elizabeth did not live to receive her dower, however. She died on 17 April 1729 – five days before her sixtieth birthday – and there is no evidence Jonathan ever married again. If that is true, he lived the last twenty-one years of his life as a widower.(9)

On 15 May 1732 the House of Representatives voted to make "that part of Dover formerly called Oyster River into a township by the name of Durham." Within a month the town met to decide how to divide its common land.

The common land in the early towns was land which had never been assigned to an owner; it was owned by everyone. These areas were generally shared by the town for farming or grazing. A man's participation in use of the commons was usually based upon the amount of money he had invested or his standing in the community. The people of Durham appointed a committee which ruled that only persons twenty-one years old at the time the charter was made were eligible and that a full share would be twenty-five acres. On 18 March 1733/4 – division day – Jonathan drew one full share.(10)

Jonathan, as were all able-bodied men, was required to be a member of his town militia. On one occasion he is called "Sgt."; another time he is referred to as "Lt. Jonathan." His name is on a list of men seeking payment for snowshoes and "mogasans" which were "imprest" for use by the militia and were never returned.(11)

But except to sign the petition against Governor Cranfield in 1685 and to serve as a town selectman in 1705, Jonathan, unlike his father, seems to have spent little time engaged in public affairs.(12) He did, however, participate in his church. On 19 January 1712/13 Jonathan, with others, signed a contract for a new church. In November of 1715 he signed a petition favoring collecting tax for the church and school and a year later, on 6 April 1716 Jonathan signed a petition for a new minister. In the Oyster River Parish Church records is the following: 14 February 1719-20, "Jonathan Woodman and Elizabeth, his wife, with John, Jonathan [and] Joshua, their adult sons; Edward, Downing, [and] Archelaus, sons in nonage; Mary, adult; Alice, in nonage."(13)

On 2 January 1749, now eighty-four years old, Jonathan, undoubtedly feeling the weight of his years and knowing he should put his affairs in order, made his will. Eight days later he sold to his sons John and Jonathan, Jr., for 150 pounds, all of his right in the saw mill and grist mill at the lower falls on Oyster River including the iron work materials, utensils and privileges of the stream. Included was "all my Real Estate wheresoever & in what kind where it may be found not mentioned & Expressed in my last will and testament & not disposed of."(14) His will follows:

> In the name of God amen the Second day of January in the year of Our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred, Forty and Nine I Jonathan Woodman of the Town of Durham in the Province of New Hampshire in New England, being Aged, & well Stricken in years * * *
>
> Imprimis I will bequeath and give my Son John Woodman And his heirs for ever, all my home stead Estate where I now dwell Lying on the East, & west Side of Beard's Creek so Called in the Town of Durham & Province afores$^{d}$ with the marsh Thatch-bed, & Flats to the same belonging, as also all the Houses, buildings, Tenements & Orchards on the said premises with the New pasture so Called, & Six Acres of Land Adjacent thereunto, with all ways easments priviledges & appurtenances to the same appertaining or therewith now Occupyed, & Enjoyed, to be had, and held by him or them immediately after my Decease.
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> Item I will, bequeath and give my Son Jonathan Woodman and his heirs for ever, One Hundred Acres of land at a place called the Burnt ground where he now Lives at the Eastern End thereof; the said Tract of Land lying, & being in the town of Durham & Province

afores[d] with the priviledges, and Appurtenances to the Same belonging or Appertaining; to be had and held by him or them immediately after my decease.

Item I will, bequeath, & give my Son Joshua Woodman & his heirs for ever; One Hundred Acres of Land where he now dwells above Packer's Falls of Lamper-Eel River in the Town of Durham in the Province afores[d] with the priviledges, & appurtenances to the Same belonging; as also all my Right, & Title to the priviledge of the Stream that Runs to said Packer's Falls Saw Mill to be had, & held by him or them Immediately after my Decease.

Item I will, bequeath & give my Son Edward Woodman & his heirs for Ever all that my Three Hundred Acres of Land which lyeth Scituate above Haverhill, in or near the Line of Methuen; as also Twenty five Acres of Land being my Common Right, laid out where he now lives being in the Town of Durham and Province afores[d] with the priviledges and Appurtenances to the Same belonging or appertaining; to be had, & held by him, or them Immediately after my Decease.

Item I will, bequeath, & give unto my Son Downing Woodman & his heirs for Ever all that my Share or part in my late Father Downings Home-Stead Land & in Hathing Marsh, & all that my Thirty Acres of Land Butting On Laighton's Land near Sturgeon Creek all in the Town of Kittery in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England: and my other Sons and my Daughter Mary are ordered hereby to give him an Acquittance thereof of Each of them; or on failure thereof to pay him Fifty pound apiece, by each of them

Item I will, bequeath, & give my Son Archelaus Woodman & his heir Lawfully Begotten of his Body One Hundred Acres of Land at a place Called the Burnt ground at the western End thereof lying, & being in the Town of Durham & Province afores[d] with the priviledges, & appurtenances to the Same belonging or appertaining; Excepting a Highway Two Rods wide on the Southerly Corner of said Hundred Acres of Land, for a priviledge for my Son Jonathan Woodman his heirs & Assigns for ever to pass and repass from his land to the high way that leads to the mast Road, but if my Son Archelaus Woodman should dye without Issue as afores[d] then it is my will & pleasure that my Son Jonathan Woodman's Eldest Son and his heirs shall and may possess and Enjoy the afores[d] Hundred Acres of Land for ever

Item I will, bequeath, and give my Daughter Mary Woodman her heirs and Assigns all my Right, Title & Interest in the Hook Lands so Called on the southerly Side of Lamper-Eel River in the Town of Durham & Province afores[d] & also all the right, & Title that I now have, shall, or Ought to have in the Common & undivided Lands in said Town of Durham; & all that my Second Division of Land in the Town of Rochester in said Province Containing Two Hundred & Forty Acres of Land; with all my moveable and personal Estate wheresoever, or in what kind soever it may be found to be possessed, & Enjoyed by her immediately after my Decrease; like-wise I will bequeath, & give my Daughter Mary Afores[d] Four Hundred pounds Old Tenor money to be paid in manner, & form following viz Two Hundred thereof to be paid by my Son John Woodman or his heirs within Four years after my Decease at four equal payments i. e Fifty pounds yearly till the Sum of Two hundred pounds be Complated. Fifty pounds thereof to be paid by my son Jonathan Woodman or his heirs within Five years after my decease at Five Equal payments, i e Ten pounds yearly till the Fifty pound be Complated; Fifty pounds thereof to be paid by Son Joshua Woodman or his heirs within Five years after my decease at Five equal payments i. e. Ten pounds yearly till the Fifty pounds be fullfilled; fifty pounds thereof to be paid by my son Edward Woodman or his heirs within Five years after my Decease at Five equal payments viz Ten pounds yearly till the whole Fifty pounds be paid; the Remaining Fifty pounds to be paid by my son Archelaus Woodman or his heir within Five years after my decease at Five Equal payments i. e. Ten pounds yearly till the Fifty pounds be fully paid; I also give her my little dwelling house at the Northerly End of the great house to Live in during her Natural Life provided she should happen to Live a Single or unmarried Life

Item as to the Remainder of my Estate Bills, bonds, Dues, Debts and demands whatsoever, or in whatsoever hands it may be found I will, & bequeath unto my Dearly well beloved Son John Woodman and his heirs forever whom Likewise I do Ordain, Constitute, and Appoint my Sole Executor in Trust to See this my last will; & Testament performed, &

do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, & disannull all, and every other former Testament wills, Legacies, bequests, & Executors by me in any ways before named willed, & bequeathed, Ratifying, & Confirming this, & no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the Day and year before mentioned.

Jonth woodm

[Witnesses] William Bruce, Benjamin Jackson, Isaac Small.
[Proved April 25, 1750.]
[Inventory; amount, £15479. 12. 0; signed by Jonathan Thompson and Hubbard Stevens; attested February 27, 1750/1][15]

Jonathan died probably early in 1750 at the age of eighty-five. He and Elizabeth and their daughter, Alice, are probably buried in the Woodman Cemetery there in downtown Durham, but the graves are not marked. Jonathan's estate was inventoried:[16]

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| The homestead Land & Marsh on the East & West side of the Creek Containing 86 acres at 30 £s. | 2580-0-0 |
| The 35 acres of Land Called the New Pasture @ 30 £s | 1050-0-0 |
| The 2 houses | 600 |
| The hundred acres of Land where Jon Woodman Lives @ 30 £s | 3000-0-0 |
| The hundred acres of lands where Arkelaus Woodman now Liveth @ 30 £s | 3000-0-0 |
| The Six Score acres of land Where Joshua Woodman now liveth @ 30 £s | 3600-0-0 |
| The 25 acres of land Where Edward Woodman now Liveth @ 15 £s | 375-0-0 |
| The 240 acres of Land at Rochester in the Second Division @ 50 £s by Inform. | 600 |
| The 12 acres of Land in the ?@ 12 £s | 144-0-0 |
| the Other Common Land | 10-0-0 |
| one yoak of young oxen | 100-0-0 |
| 2 Cows @ 30 £s | 60-0-0 |
| 1 Bool [bull] @ 20 £: 1 heifer 15 £ | 35-0-0 |
| 9 Sheep @ 4 £ 10 sh s | 40-10-0 |
| 2 fat Swine @ 20 £s | 40-0-0 |
| 2 Calves | 16-0-0 |
| 30 Bushels of Corn @ 25 p | 37-10-0 |
| 250 Weight of Beef | 18-10-0 |
| 1 bed & beding | 95-0-0 |
| Some iron Wear with Other Moveable goods | 76-20-0 |
| one Pestle | 2-0-0 |
| Sum Totel £ old Tenor | 15479-12-0 |

Jonathan had been a careful man with land, hanging on to what he inherited from his father, seldom letting any of it go. Except for the twenty acres he gave his sister Mary Small back in 1707, and the land he gave to his children, he had kept all except two small pieces he had sold.[17] Indeed he had added to his holdings when he could with the proprietorship system.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century most of the country was unsettled except on the coast and along the tidal rivers. Now people were arriving in large numbers and England and the local governors were eager to settle the new land. To accomplish this a method of land distribution called a "proprietorship" was developed. The proprietorship system offered a great opportunity not only for the newcomers, but also for the acquisitive ones among those who had settled earlier. It was a chance for new land.

There were several ways a proprietorship could be had – a gift of land from the throne of England, a grant issued by the Governor's Council or by purchase from the council. A group of men could apply for, and be granted, a piece of land which was generally a measure of thirty-six square miles. In return, the group had certain obligations to be fulfilled in a specified length of time. Some of the requirements would include dividing the land into lots, laying out roads, building a church and acquiring a minister and providing a school. These men were called proprietors and they exercised great power in their little square of land. They could first decide which land to keep for themselves – which was probably the best of it – and they determined who could settle in their new town.

When laying out lots, each member was assigned a home lot in town. On the periphery of the town lots, farm lots were laid out in what were called divisions or ranges, often measuring 100 acres. While locating the home lots in town provided a degree of safety to the inhabitants and reduced their sense of isolation and loneliness, the system could be inconvenient. Each day a man might walk to outer divisions to reach the land where he farmed; sometimes he had land in several locations. It wasn't long before most families had given up the security of close neighbors and had moved out to the larger farm lot.

Jonathan took advantage of the land-settling system by becoming a proprietor in Rochester, New Hampshire about 1722 when he got share number eighty-seven. Jonathan and his sons John and Jonathan, Jr. petitioned for, and got, land in Canterbury, New Hampshire in 1727.(18) Jonathan's careful handling of his land must have been appreciated by his children for at the time of his death all six sons were established on farms he had owned. He also provided unusually well for his spinster daughter Mary – at a time when social custom might not have required him to do so.

*Jonathan's children:*(19)

i Mary[4], born 1 September 1699, was Jonathan and Elizabeth's first child. Church records called her an adult when she was baptized with her family in Durham 14 February 1719/20 by the Reverend Hugh Adams.(20)

When Mary was eighteen, she inherited ten pounds from her Grandfather Downing when he died in 1717 over in Kittery, Maine.(21) Mary was about fifty when her father died and he provided rather handsomely for her future. It isn't clear if most fathers of that time were so generous with their daughters. She received a house, land and cash, all of which she could manage independently of her brothers or uncles.

The will also directed that Mary and her brothers John, Jonathan, Joshua, Edward and Archelaus should give their brother Downing a clear title to the land over in Maine their mother had inherited from her father. If they did not sign the deed, each was to pay Downing fifty pounds. On 14 March 1750, they all released to "our brother Downing of Kittery . . ." land "which was our Grandfather Joshua Downing's . . ." and "which was our Father Jonathan Woodman's . . . ."(22)

When Mary was seventy-seven years old, calling herself a spinster, she made her will. Listen to the stirring words of the first sentence: "IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, the 12th day of December 1776 in the first year of the Independent State of the United Colonies of North America. I Mary Woodman of Durham . . . ." In her will, Mary returned all the money to her brothers which their father had directed them to pay her at his death, but by that time three of them were dead. In addition, she gave her brother, Joshua, five pounds of lawful money and five acres of common land which her father gave her; her brother, Downing, inherited five pounds of lawful money, as did Downing's daughter, Elizabeth Woodman. Betty Woodman, the daughter of Mary's nephew Jonathan Woodman, who was the son of her deceased brother, Jonathan, received one bed and bedding. Mary's niece, Hannah Woodman, the daughter of her brother, Jonathan, received the blue Taffety [sic] which was not made up, while Alice Coleman, the granddaughter of Mary's brother, John, got the blue taffety gown which was already made.

To her youngest brother, Archelaus, Mary left the land in Rochester which her father gave her, along with the money due her for timber from that land. Mary directed that Archelaus was to distribute her cow and calf and the remainder of the household furniture to those relations he thought most wanted it and appointed him the sole executor of her will.(23)

Mary never married; in every reference she is called a spinster. She must have been exceedingly thrifty, for at her death she was still in possession of practically all she had inherited from her father twenty-seven years before.

The *History of Durham, NH* gives her death date as 15 July 1777, but her will was probated

14 May 1777. Mary is surely buried in the Woodman Cemetery on Capt. John's old farm, but the grave is unmarked.

**4-10** ii John[4], b. 6 Mar 1701.
**4-11** iii Jonathan[4], b. 23 Apr 1702.
**4-12** iv Joshua[4], b. 25 Oct 1703.
**4-13** v Edward[4], b. 22 May 1705.
**4-14** vi Downing[4], b. 5 Dec 1706.
vii Archelaus[4] (sometimes called "Hercules" in official documents), the youngest son, was born 22 June 1708. When he was baptized by Rev. Hugh Adams 14 February 1719/20 in Durham, he was said to be of "nonage."(24)

When the common lands in Durham were divided 18 March 1733/4, Archelaus received 16-2/3 acres, five acres of which he sold to Thomas Pots 30 December 1735, for ten pounds. His brothers, John and Edward, witnessed the deed.(25)

On 19 November 1756, Archelaus signed a complaint against Ebenezer Jones asking for 200 pounds in damages ". . . in an action of Trespass for that the deft [defendant] on the eleventh Day of October 1756 at Durham aforesaid with force and arms and with Staves Clubs and Stones did assault the plt [plaintiff] and then and there in manner afores[d] did beat wound and evilly intreat the plt. and bite the plts. face and cut the plts forehead and Strike the plts. breast whereby the plt was much hurt and wounded put to great pain of Body and great loss and charge and has been thereby rendered unable to do any work or business from the eleventh day of October . . . and other Enormitys the Deft then and there perpetuated . . . ."

Ebenezer Jones denied the charges and at "His Majestys Inferior Court of Common Pleas Holden at Portsmouth:" 9 December 1756, a committee of three was appointed to settle the controversy. In February 1757, they found for the defendant and Archelaus had to pay court costs of six pounds, seven shillings plus three pounds more to the committee. There is no record telling what Archelaus did that so enraged Ebenezer that he did "beat wound and so evilly intreat" him.(26)

On 29 June 1775, the men of Durham met for the purpose of organizing their town militia for war with England. They agreed to elect officers, assemble weapons and meet for training. Archelaus was one of the signers.(27)

At the time of his death, Archelaus was living in a little house on about three-quarters acre of land.

Archelaus made his will 16 September 1786, with the following provisions: (The parenthesis are mine for clarification).

The 240 acres in Rochester was to be shared by his nephews Lt. Archelaus, Jr. (son of Joshua[4]), Jonathan (son of Jonathan[4]), Jonathan, Jr. (son of John[4]), and John the son of his nephew Jonathan to be equally divided between them. This Rochester land was the same land his sister Mary gave him at her death – the land she got from their father, Jonathan[3]. According to the deed, it was first given to Captain John[2].

Lemuel, the son of Archelaus' nephew, Jonathan[5] (Jonathan[4-3]), inherited the dwelling house with all the land adjoining, and Jonathan, the son of his nephew Jonathan, received Archelaus' gun. Elizabeth and Sarah Woodman (called Betsey and Sally) the daughters of Archelaus' nephew Jonathan, inherited his beds, bedding and all of his household furniture to be equally divided between them.

The remainder of Archelaus' estate which included his "neat cattle (oxen), swine, sheep, crop on the ground, hay, horseslay [sic] and tackling and every other part of my property" was to be equally divided among his nephews Lt. Archelaus, Jr.; Jonathan; and Jonathan, Jr. His nephew Jonathan was appointed executor of his will.(28)

An inventory of the "Estate of Archelaus Woodman late of Durham in said County Husbandman deceased Testate – as shewn by Jonathan Woodman Executor of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased – Taken by the Subrs pursuant to an Order of the honble, Joseph Badger Esqr Judge of the probate of Wills and so forth for sd County – " was as follows:

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|---|---|
| About 240 Acres of Land in Rochester – in the second Division – | |
| the original Right of Jonathan Woodman a 6/ pr. Acre | 72.0.0 |
| About three quarters of an acre of land in Durham, whereon he lived | |
| 3 — House on the same 6.10 — Barn 6 | 15.10 – |
| Desk 30/ great chair 4/. 4 old chairs 3/. Old Gun 6/ | 2.3 – |
| Feather Bed and Bolster 59 a 1/2 | 3.8.10 |
| Old bedstand and cord 4/. pine table old warming pan 4/ | .10 – |
| Chain 6/. Pot 3/ old pewter 8/. Cart boxes and hoops 13/ | 1.10 – |
| Pitch fork 2/. handirons 6/ tongs 4/ wearg apparel 11/ | 1.3 – |
| 2 yr old steer 3 yr old yearling heifer 18/ 4 sheep 24/ | 3.12 – |
| 3 Swine 188 | 1.17.7 |
| Small old clavis, staple & ring 6/. old sleigh & starkling 7/ | .13 – |
| Corn 31/3. Flax 2/6. Potatoes 15/. 9 Tuns Hay 7.4/ | 9.12.9 |
| Auger 2/. old knives and forks 11/. old ax 4/. | .7 – |
| Old iron 3/6 2 small trammels 5/ | 8.6 |
| Bible 6/ | .6 |
| Received on a note of hand | 1.19.3 1/2 |
| | 115.0.11 1/2 |

Durham November 19th 1787 —

John Smith 3d
Nathaniel Demerit

Strafford ss Durham Nov. 22nd 1787(29)

In compliance with his father's will, Archelaus, who never married or had children, left the 100 acres of the "burnt ground" ("The burnt ground" was mentioned in town records as early as 1693/4 and was indicative of an extensive forest fire in early times) to his brother Jonathan[4]'s son, Jonathan[5]. This Jonathan[5], executor of Archelaus' estate, received a license from the court in October of 1790 to sell eighty acres of the Rochester land for thirty-six pounds. By December 1793, Jonathan had a license to sell the Rochester land at an auction in Dover to satisfy the demands against Archelaus' estate. Jonathan's son Lemuel[6] bought it with a high bid of thirty-two pounds.(30)

There was a black man in Durham named after this Archelaus. He was a son of a slave named Dan who belonged to Archelaus' brother John[4]; he sometimes called himself Dan Woodman and at other times Dan Martin. Dan named his son Archelaus.(31)

In the Province Papers of New Hampshire are other references to Archelaus Woodman. One Archelaus was an original grantee of Contoocook Plantation (now Boscowen, NH); an Archelaus, Jr., sued John Norton in 1757. Both those men, I think, were from Massachusetts and descended from another branch of Edward[1] of Newbury.

viii Alice[4], b. 12 Feb 1710. She was bapt. with her family 14 Feb 1719/20.

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3. Mary P. Thompson, *Landmarks in Ancient Dover, NH*, Historic Assn., 1965, pp. 19, 190.
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20. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 30, p. 59.
21. *Maine Wills,* 1640-1760, pp. 196-198.
22. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Alfred, ME, Vol. 42, p. 58.
23. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dover, NH, Vol. 1, p. 244.
24. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 30, p. 59.
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27. *History of Durham,* Vol. 1, p. 128.
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# FOURTH GENERATION

**Edward Small[4] (Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**4-1.** Edward was probably born in Dover, New Hampshire, and went to Monomoit (now Chatham), Massachusetts with his parents where he married Sarah Nickerson 3 April 1704, the daughter of John & Sarah (Williams) Nickerson.

Edward died in a short time and Sarah, the widow, was appointed administratrix 8 January 1706. Sarah died before 8 July 1723.(1)

*Edward's child (named Small):*

i Bathsheba[5], b. 1705.

Note:

1. *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 113-114; Everett S. Stackpole, *The History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, pp. 326, 393.

**Jonathan Small[4] (Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**4-2.** Jonathan was born about 1683. On 30 July 1713 at Harwich, Massachusetts, he married Damaris Winslow, daughter of Kenelm (sic) and Damaris (Eames) Winslow. Jonathan died about 1778.(1)

*Jonathan's children (named Small) born in Harwich:*

i Hannah[5], b. 20 Aug 1715; m. at Harwich on 5 Mar 1735/36 to Israel Nickerson of Yarmouth, MA, son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson. Israel was b. 2 Mar 1709 at Yarmouth, and d. 31 Jan 1772. Hannah d. 2 Mar 1799.

ii Phebe[5], b. 12 Oct 1717; m. 2 Mar 1742/43, at Harwich, to Ammiel Weeks, son of George and Deborah (Wing) Weeks. Ammiel was b. at Harwich on 10 Apr 1720 and d. 12 Feb 1804. Phebe d. 21 Apr 1793 (Apr 2?).

**5-1** iii Jonathan[5], b. 26 May 1721.

iv Lydia[5], b. 6 Aug 1725; m. (int. 1 Aug 1747) to Ebenezer Broadbrooks, son of Beriah and Abigail (Severance) Broadbrooks, b. 1717 or 1718; d. 20 Apr 1802. Lydia d. 3 Mar 1802.

v David[5], b. 13 Jul 1729; drowned when he was a young man.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, p. 326; *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 114, 115.

**Joseph Small[4] (Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**4-3.** Joseph was born about 1690. On 27 November 1718 at Oyster River (now Durham, NH), he married Jemima Davis, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Stevens) Davis. Joseph probably died before 1742, when his mother, Mary Woodman Small, gave land to his sons Edward & Joseph.

*Joseph's children (named Small):*(1)

**5-2** i Edward[5], b. 1719 (?).

ii Joseph[5], bapt. 6 Aug 1721 at Durham by Rev. Hugh Adams. In 1770 had wife Joanna.

iii Elizabeth[5], bapt. 19 May 1723 by Rev. Adams.

iv Zachariah[5], m. Bethia Severance 29 Oct 1747 at Chatham, MA (m. int. were recorded at Harwich). He was in military service 1757.

**5-3** v Benjamin[5], probably b. 1728-29.

vi Isaac[5], b. in Durham, NH, probably in 1730. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War, 1758, aged twenty-eight; probably removed to Canterbury, NH. He m. 9 Jun 1760, Hannah Carter of Durham.

**5-4** vii John[5], b. 24 May 1732.

viii Jonathan[5], m. Jane Trundy.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, pp. 326-327; *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 116, 117.

## Zachariah Small[4] (Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-4.** Zachariah was born 1698. He married 1st Jane Davis 31 March 1720 at Oyster River (now Durham, NH). He settled in Harwich, Massachusetts. When Jane died he filed marriage intentions 22 May 1742 with Hannah (Hopkins) Paine the widow of Ebenezer Paine and the daughter of Joshua & Mary (Cole) Hopkins. Hannah was born 25 March 1700 and died 24 October 1793 (it is said she was 92). Zachariah, called Lieutenant, died 24 April 1778.(1)

*Zachariah & Jane's children (named Small):*

i Mary[5], m. 4 Dec 1741, at Harwich, MA, to Oaker Phillips, son of Benjamin and Temperance (? Stewart) Phillips.

ii Sarah[5], m. 7 Aug 1746, Simeon Baker, of Yarmouth, MA.

iii Lydia[5], m. in Harwich (int. Oct 1743) 6 Mar 1743-44, to Seth Holmes, of Rochester, MA, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (_____) Holmes. Seth was b. 22 Dec 1721 at Rochester.

iv Bathsheba[5], m. (1) (int. 21 May 1748) to Ansel Nickerson of Chatham, MA, son of Thomas and Lydia (Covel) Nickerson. Ansel was b. 2 May 1727; d. 1 Nov 1750; Bathsheba m. (2) Gowel (sic) Chase; she m. (3) 4 Dec 1766, Joseph Sears, who d. 6 Aug 1779. Dower was set off to Bathsheba Sears, 28 Sep 1779.

v Abigail[5], m. 12 Sep 1750, to Lot Gage, son of Matthew and Hannah (Thorpe) Gage. Lot Gage b. 16 Oct 1720; bapt. 1 Jul 1722. Lot Gage d. 24 May 1791. Abigail d. 10 Feb 1803. Both buried at Hyannis, MA.

vi Deliverance[5], m. (int. 15 Feb 1760) to Covel Nickerson, son of Edward and Thankful (Covel) Nickerson.

vii Betty[5], m. 29 Apr 1756, Jeremiah Walker, son of John and Ester (Tomlin) Walker, who was b. 1731; d. 20 Aug 1811. Betty d. 19 Mar 1809, and he m. (2) 11 Jan 1810, Rebecca Gould.

*Zachariah and Hannah's children (named Small):*

viii Jane[5], b. 1743, m. (int. 10 Feb 1760) John Long, who was b. 1728, d. 16 Jul 1810. Jane d. 5 Nov 1778, in her 36th year.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, p. 326; *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 118, 119.

## Benjamin Small[4] (Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-5.** Benjamin was probably born about 1700 and thought to be Mary's youngest son. On 29 June 1726 he married Patience who was born 27 February 1708/09, daughter of Wm. and Mercy Baker of Yarmouth, Massachusetts. He lived in Harwich, Massachusetts and died before 1788.(1)

*Benjamin's children (named Small):*

i Mercy[5], b. 1727 (?); m. (1) 8 Nov 1744, Joseph Phillips of Harwich, son of Benjamin and Temperance (?Stewart) Phillips; she m. (2) Charles Parker; m. (3) (int. 20 Mar 1779) Jonathan Small, son of Jonathan and Damaris (Winslow) Small who was b. 26 May 1721. She is said to have died about 1830, aged 103 years.

**5-5** ii Benjamin[5], b. 1732.

iii Patience[5], m. 26 Oct 1752, John Cahoon of Harwich. (John Cahoon's will 6 May 1779).
5-6 iv Edward[5], b. 1738.
v Mary[5], m. 23 Apr 1762, became second wife of William Eldridge of Harwich, son of William and Thankful (Crowell) Eldridge.
5-7 vi Joseph[5], b. about 1742.
vii Ebenezer[5], b. about 1744; m. 24 Feb 1768, at Harwich, MA, to Eunice Ellis.
viii John[5], b. 16 Oct 1751 at Harwich; m. 23 Apr 1772, Abigail, dau. of James and Mercy (Baker) Gage.
ix Bethiah[5], m. (int. Harwich, 31 Oct 1772) Joseph Ellis, Jr.

Note:
1. *Genealogy of Edward Small*, p. 121

## John Thompson[4] (Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

4-6. John, Jr. was born in 1687 and was baptized 5 July 1724. He married Mary Davis and died after 3 February 1753.

*John's children (named Thompson):*[(1)]

5-8 i James[5], bapt. 21 Mar 1717/18.
ii Robert[5], was bapt. 21 Mar 1717. A farmer in Durham in 1742, there are no other records of him.
iii Patience[5], bapt. 24 May 1719.
iv Benjamin[5], a tanner, he moved to Pembroke, NH after 1757.
v Seth[5] lived in Durham in 1757 and was a soldier in the Crown Point Expedition in 1761.
5-9 vi Nathaniel[5], bapt. 29 May 1726.
vii Ebenezer[5], bapt. 17 Nov 1728; lived in Durham in 1757.
viii Sarah[5], b. 5 Jan 1724. She was bapt. 8 Mar 1724 and m. Abraham Scales 8 Jul 1747. Abraham was b. 1 Sep 1718 in Portsmouth, NH, the son of Matthew and Mary (Curtis) Scales who were both b. in Rowley, MA.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 360.

## Jonathan Thompson[4] (Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

4-7. Captain Jonathan was born in 1693. On 23 January 1717/18 he married Sarah Burnham. She was baptized 30 June 1717, the daughter of Jeremiah and Temperance (Bickford) Burnham.[(1)]

A member of Captain James Davis' militia in 1712, Jonathan continued to serve his community for many years. He was a selectman in Dover in 1728-9, and in Durham 1733-5, 1738-41 and 1746; Jonathan was a representative for eight years.

He and Sarah were admitted to church 4 February 1728 and he became a deacon; in the Militia, he advanced from lieutenant to captain.

*Jonathan's children (named Thompson):*[(2)]

5-10 i Jonathan[5], b. 1718.
5-11 ii John[5], b. Sep 1721.
iii Elizabeth[5], bapt. 6 May 1725; m. Jonathan Clough of Salisbury, MA.
iv Sarah[5], bapt. 11 Jun 1727.
v Hannah[5], b. 1729; m. Ebenezer Demeritt.

vi Susanna[5], b. 17 Apr 1731; m. Robert Thompson.
**5-12** vii Joseph[5], b. 29 Nov 1738.
viii Abigail[5], bapt. 11 Mar 1739; m. Solomon Burnham and, later, Moses Dame of Nottingham.

Notes:
1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 40-41.
2. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 360-61

### Robert Thompson[4] (Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-8.** Robert Thompson married Abigail, daughter of Samuel and Judith (Davis) Emerson. Abigail was born 27 September 1704, and died in 1757. He dropped dead near the present (1913) residence of Lucien Thompson, in 1752 in Durham, NH.

*Robert's children (named Thompson):*[(1)]

**5-13** i Samuel[5], bapt. 22 Mar 1723/4.
**5-14** ii Robert[5], b. 8 Jul 1726.
iii Benjamin[5], b. 1731; d. 17 Jan 1736/7.
**5-15** iv Ebenezer[5], b. 5 Mar 1737.
v Abigail[5], b. 23 Jun 1747; m. Timothy Emerson.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 361.

### Mary Thompson[4] (Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-9.** Mary Thompson married Deacon Hubbard Stevens of Oyster River (now Durham, NH) before 24 May 1724, the day she was baptized as Mary Stevens.[(1)]

*Mary's children (named Stevens):*

i Joseph[5], bapt. 23 Jul 1727; m. Ann, daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth (Field) Jones. Joseph "Stephens" was buried 1 Apr 1783.
ii Hubbard[5], bapt. 22 May 1726; m. 15 Feb 1753 to Deborah Pickering.
iii Moses[5], d. before 1770.
iv Elizabeth[5], m. Nathaniel Thompson.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 348.

### John[4] (Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-10.** John, born 6 March 1701, in Durham, was baptized there with his family by the Reverend Hugh Adams 14 February 1719/20.[(1)]

John was twenty-three when he got his first piece of land, located on the Lamprey River, which John's father, Jonathan[3], "sold unto my sd. son John Woodman" 18 January 1723/4.[(2)]

Only two weeks after he got the claim to his land, John sued John Rawlins, charging that Rawlins had stolen trees from his land. That . . .

> . . . with force and arms entered into & upon ye land and possession of the plaintiff . . . & did then and there carry away from ye sd. land one tree alias logg more than one foot over and did fall and cut down three trees more, each more than a foot over also besides other Enormitys . . . .[(3)]

In 1727, John, with his father and brother, Jonathan, Jr., became proprietors in Canterbury, New Hampshire. That same year John sold back to his father the land on the Lamprey River and opened a general store which was likely located down by the Woodman sawmill at the lower falls of Oyster River. Old records call him a "trader" and "shoopkeeper."(4)

John was in business at a time when boats moved by sail. On 15 October 1734, Nathaniel Barber of Boston wrote to John, "This to acqaunt you that I am coming to your place with father Riggs for a Lode of boards which you Promised Should be halled Down ready against he came. We should have been with you before now but the winds proving Contrary that we cannot come but I hope the first wind we shall be with you."(5) There are several letters in the file addressed to "John Woodman, Durham, Piscataqua."

John sold brodcloth, flanel, mowhear, peases of silk, buckran, mouslen and oznabring (Ozenbrig was a coarse linen fabric). He had tin measures, scythes, nails, indigo, feather beds, bever hatts and Barcelona handkerchiefs. On his shelves were crape hatt bands, pipes, tabacker, buttons, pares of shamey gloves, silver sue bakeliz (shoe buckles), wosted stokons (worsted stockings) and garters. There were barels of porke, bushels of salt and corn, cases of knivs, quires of paper and hogg fat. John also bought and sold large quantities of molasses and "rhum." Molasses was the basic ingredient used to make the rum New England sea captains carried to Africa for slave trading. But not all the rum went out on the ships for foreign shores.

Early Americans used molasses as a cheap sweetener, and a good deal of it was used to make rum for their local consumption. At the time they came to America, Europeans drank little water; in England ale was their most-used liquid. James Schouler wrote, "Excessive liquor-drinking was, in truth, America's great social vice until far down into the nineteenth century . . . . A rude climate, hard labor and exposure, with but light recreation increased the indulgence among our common people; while convivial habits, after the coarse fashion of the mother country, might debauch the upper circles."(6)

John traded heavily in lumber. He sold long pine planks, barrel staves, hogshead staves and large amounts of what were just called "bords." When ordering a "lode of bords" Mr. Barber wrote, "I Desire that the bords may be good & white and as Clean as they Can Which will be the Better for Sale and you'l oblige."

On 19 June 1734, from Boston, Nathaniel Barber wrote:

> I received your . . . Lode of boards . . . and Returne you many thanks – I have sent you cotton woole Rum & Mallasses and a beaver hatt according to your orders. But could not complye with the whole you sent for by reason that I do Dayley expect my Brother home every Day from Virginia and as Soon as he comes will Send you by Mr. Riggs what corn or pork you may have occation for . . . If you cannot get all boards you may Send Some good Staves, but they must be Very good but rather have boards for here is a great many Staves . . . Pray don't Send So many plank as you Did the Last trip they will not answer, good hodged Staves & good barrill Staves may pritty well if they are good.(7)

John used the labor of child apprentices. In colonial times young children, sometimes as young as seven or eight, were sent from their homes to serve an apprenticeship which often lasted seven years. It was an arrangement in which the child's labor was exchanged for his keep and a promise that he be taught a trade. The child lived with his master; the length of service and terms varied. In addition to a trade, the master sometimes agreed to teach the child to read or write, or he might be required to furnish, at the close of the apprenticeship, one or two suits of clothing or a set of tools.(8)

In 1749, John sued Stephen Glazier for nonpayment of goods. Stephen Glazier owed John:

| 1741-2 | | pounds | shillings | pence |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 23 | To 5 yard Camblet @ 14 | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | To 3 yard wide Sheeting @ 10 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | To a Doz Jacket buttons @ 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | To 1 Hank mowhare | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 26 | To 1/4 yard Camblet | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| | To 1 Skane Silk | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mar. 10 | To 135 lb Beef @ 14$^{d}$ plt | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| 1742-3 | | | | |
| | To 10 lb Hogge fat | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| June 8 | To 1/2 bushel corn | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 1745 | | | | |
| May 1746 | To 1 peck Corn at the mill | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | | £ 15 | 02 | 0 |
| | | £ 1 | 6 | 0 |
| | Balance Due | 13 | 16 | 0 |
| | Old Tenor | | | |

Stephen Glazier claimed he had worked for John:

| June 10 174 | By 1 day work | 0 | 6 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 6 1746 | By 2 days work planting | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | B 1 day on Johns Canoe | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | £ 1 | 6 | 0 |

In addition, Glazier said, his son worked seventy-eight days of an apprenticeship for John and that John had paid him nothing for it. John testified that the boy had not been satisfactory and was sent home. Isaac Small, in a deposition, said that he had lived with John for 12 years (probably another apprentice) and remembered the Glazier boy.

John's sister, Mary, testified in a deposition that she lived with John and remembered:

> Stephen Glasor, Junier Came on tryal to Live With Said John as an apprenties. But after a Small Time I understood by my Brother and Sister that Stephen Glasor Refused to Bind his Said Son Stephen for any longer Term than till he was fourteen years age and Said John Woodman to give him Larning feet [fit] to go to a Trade and for that Reason My Brother Would not keep him . . . .

This case gives some insight into wages earned at the time. John paid Stephen Glazier, Sr., 16 shillings for a day spent mending John's canoe; Stephen received one pound 16 shillings for two days "planting ye Corn and other Work." The wages can only have some meaning when one examines the bill for goods Glazier had purchased from John. John charged 1 pound, 10 shillings for three yards of wide sheeting; five yards of "camblet" cost 3 pounds, 10 shillings. In other words, Stephen Glazier had to work nearly three days just to pay for three yards of sheeting. To pay for the camblet would have cost seven days of labor. Glazier valued seventy-eight days of his son's labor at 11 pounds, 14 shillings.(9)

John was thirty-one on 11 September 1732, when he married Mary Fabyan, the daughter of John and Mary Fabyan of Newington, New Hampshire. In his will, John Fabyan gave his daughter, Mary Woodman, 30 pounds.(10)

When the common lands were divided in March 1733/4, John got a full share of twenty-five acres. It was during this time he was most actively involved in town affairs. John served as a selectman in 1733, 1734, 1735 and 1737; two of those years he laid out roads for the town. In 1743 he was the town moderator. John was a member of the Proprietors' Committee, which divided the common lands, whose affairs were not settled for many years; in 1772 he was called the "survivor" of the committee.(11)

In January of 1749, John's father, Jonathan$^{3}$, then eighty-five years old, sold his interest in the saw and grist mills at the lower falls of Oyster River to John and his brother Jonathan, Jr., for

150 pounds. This included "ye Iron worke materials ye utensils to ye sd mills belonging as also ye priviledges of ye streame & streams Running to sd mills & all Priviledges appertain$^{g}$ to the same." The sale also included all the real estate not mentioned in his will.(12)

When John's old father died early in the next year, John got the old garrison house and; "all my home stead Estate where I now dwell Lying on the East and west Side of Beard's Creek so Called in the Town of Durham . . . with the marsh Thatch-bed, and Flats to the same belonging, as also all the Houses, buildings, Tenements & Orchards on the said premisses with the New Pasture so Called & Six Acres of Land Adjacent thereunto, with all ways easments priviledges & appurtenances to the same . . . ."

The will directed John to pay to his sister, Mary, 200 pounds of Old Tenor money within four years of his death and "as to the remainder of my Estate Bills, Bonds, Dues, Debts and demands whatsoever . . . I will & bequeath unto my Dearly well beloved Son John Woodman . . . ." John was appointed executor.(13)

To comply with the terms of his father's will, John, with his brothers and sister, Mary, signed a deed to their brother, Downing, renouncing any interest they might have had in their Grandfather Downing's land over in Kittery, Maine.(14)

Around the close of the 1740's, John must have gone back to farming; old records call him a yeoman instead of a trader. From 1749 to 1756, he was involved in thirteen court cases; twelve of them were for nonpayment of signed promissory notes made to him.

There is no record of John's wife's death. She signed a land deed 14 March 1764 giving up her dower, but she was dead by the time John made his will in 1775.(15)

John made his will 14 August 1775 as follows:

> To my two daughters Mary Coleman and Elizabeth Leathers I give their mother's curtains and all her wearing apparel.
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> I give to my daughter Mary, the wife of John Coleman, a lot of land in the second division of hundred acre lots in Canterbury, numbered forty-eight. Also I give her one cow, one bed and bedding, one third of my pewter, one third of my chairs, one round table which was her mother's, half the silver spoons and one suit of mourning apparel.
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> To my daughter Elizabeth Leathers, wife of Abednego Leathers, Jun$^{r}$, all that parcel of land which I purchased of Zachariah Small lying in the town of Rochester (except what I have already disposed of). Also one cow, one bed and bedding, one third of the pewter, one third of the chairs, one round table, half the silver spoons and my warming pan, together with a mourning suit.
>
> I give to my grandson, Woodman Coleman the son of my daughter, Mary Coleman a lot of land in the first division of one hundred acre lots in Canterbury numbered one hundred and thirty, reserving one-third part of the pine timber standing on the said lot to my son Jonathan Woodman.
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> I bequeath to my son Jonathan one quarter of an acre on the north side of Wolf Pit Hill within the bounds of my homestead farm to be reserved for a burying place . . . .
>
> To Jonathan I give all my homestead where I now dwell lying in the east and west side of Beard's Creek in Durham with the marsh flats and thatch beds, together with the new pasture, so-called, and six acres of land adjoining thereto. Also a certain tract of land in Durham lying between the mast-way and country road leading to Dover which I purchased of Naphtali Kinkaid . . . Also all my part of the sawmill and gristmill at Durham Falls with the stream to the same. He is also to have all my money, bonds, notes, debts, dues and demands.
>
> I leave to Jonathan all the work and service of my negro man named Dan and he is to support and take care of my old negro, Ben. It is my will that after the decease of my son Jonathan, should Dan survive him, that Dan shall choose for himself whether to remain in the family where he is or serve either of my daughters. It is also my will that my son Jonathan, in consideration of the out lands, not particularly mentioned and given to others in this will, shall pay all my debts and funeral expenses and serve as my executor.(16)

Two years and two months after the colonists demanded their freedom from England by starting the Revolution, and a few short days before he died, John, probably seeing nothing incongruous in his actions, sold his negro, Dan, his freedom – he did not give it to him. Dan paid sixty pounds for his freedom. It is an astonishing document, stored and indexed in the Rockingham County, New Hampshire Registrar of Deeds.

> Know all men by these presents that I, John Woodman of Durham, yeoman, for the sum of sixty pounds lawful money . . . paid to me by my negro man, Dan, a servant for life, about twenty-eight years of age, do sell unto Dan his time for life, liberating and making him a free man as tho he had been born free. No persons shall have any right to demand any service of him in the future as a slave . . . 23 June 1777.(17)

The following day, Dan became a soldier in the Revolution. He enlisted in the Second New Hampshire Regiment under Captain William Rowell to serve three years. He fought in the battles of Stillwater in 1777; Monmouth in 1778 and Newtown in 1779. In June 1780, he was discharged at West Point, New York.

In 1775 there had been 657 slaves in New Hampshire, Durham having twenty-five of them. By the time the first United States Census was taken in 1790, there were three slaves in Durham, and there were free black persons living in the area.(18)

On 19 April 1819, Dan, now sixty-nine years old, was granted a pension for his service as a soldier. On 15 April 1822, Richard Ela wrote the Secretary of War that:

> . . . having been informed that application had been or was about to be made to the Pension Office in behalf of Dan Woodman, a Revolutionary Pensioner . . . I am induced to state the circumstances of the case to prevent an imposition upon the War Department.
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> Woodman like most other blacks being very much of a prodigal and spendthrift and much advanced in years, his certificate, soon after it was obtained was deposited with his consent in the hands of a respectable gentleman of this town, Joseph Coe Esq. for his benefit and support.
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> The amount of the pension has been, I have every reason to believe, regularly appropriated by Mr. Coe, toward his maintenance. But Dan has lately been inveigled by some designing persons into the notion that he ought to dispose of the money himself . . . the effect of placing the certificate in the hands of Dan without control will be to put the cash into the pockets of some designing persons and leave the poor old fellow to subsist upon charity.
>
> I have therefore taken the liberty to mention these facts to you and to request that before any application in his behalf is acted on by the head of the Department of War that an opportunity will be afforded the friends of good order in this town to furnish some evidence as to facts of the case.
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> I have the honor to be with the greatest respect Your most obt. Servt.
>
> Richard Ela.

On 6 December 1822, Dan Woodman engaged someone to write the department saying that he had given his pension certificate when he first obtained it, to Joseph Coe of Durham, "considering him my friend and because I was illiterate, never having learned to read or write.

"He drew in September 1819, $144.00, of which amount Coe gave him ten dollars and then kept the rest to pay for the support of his wife and himself and refuses to give him the certificate.

Signed by mark."

On 9 December 1822 William Twombly of Dover, New Hampshire testified as follows:

> I was well acquainted with Dan Woodman, a black man in the American Army where Woodman to my knowledge sustained a good character and was a good soldier that he resides in Durham and still sustains a good moral character; that he is now more than sev-

enty years old, very poor, depending entirely upon his pension for the support of himself and wife, and that Woodman feels Mr. Coe who has his pension certificate is not giving him what he should, and "in the opinion of all I have heard speak of the subject Woodman is greatly injured by said Coe in the premises and ought to be furnished with another certificate.

Wm. Twombly.

A new certificate was issued to Dan.(19)

Dan sometimes used the name of Dan Martin, and named one of his sons Archelaus Martin, for the brother (Archelaus[4]) of his former master. Dan and his family lived in Durham on the landing near the wharves where he worked on the boats that carried freight to Portsmouth. He died in Greenland, New Hampshire, in June 1839, and his wife died 2 March 1830; they are buried in the Chesley-Young burial lot in Durham. In the marriage records of Reverend William Demeritt is a marriage of Archalus (sic) Martin and Hannah G. Campbell on 25 March 1832.(20)

John died 15 July 1777. He and Mary are surely buried in the Woodman Cemetery on Captain John's old farm, but their graves are not marked.

*John's children:*(21)

**5-16** i Mary[5], b. 14 Feb 1734.

**5-17** ii Jonathan[5], b. 5 Jan 1743.

iii Elizabeth[5], b. 30 Jan 1745; m. Abednego Leathers, Jr.; d. 11 Nov 1809. Vital records of Dover give two other children who must have died young.

iv John[5], "son of John Woodman at Durham" was baptized 4 May 1740 by Rev. Jonathan Cushing.

v Ebenezer[5], "son of John Woodman baptized 27 Sep 1750, in private, sick" by Rev. Cushing.(22)

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## Middle Names

Starting in 1702, there were two or more Jonathan Woodmans living in Durham at the same time for more than a century. Identifying them has been difficult.

Middle names were not used in early Colonial New England. They were first used in the Woodman family (infrequently) near the close of the eighteenth century; it was not until the first quarter of the nineteenth century that assigning a middle name became a common practice.

As the population grew, complexity of naming increased with the propensity of families to use ancestral names which were repeated in each generation. It became increasingly difficult to provide an exact identity on legal documents, so a loose system of identification was devised in the towns.

The system was based on age. If there were two Jonathan Woodmans in town, the elder was called Jonathan; the younger was Jonathan, Jr. – even though they were not father and son. For instance, Jonathan$^3$ and his son Jonathan$^4$ were called Jonathan and Jonathan, Jr., much as we employ those terms now. But when Jonathan$^3$ died, Jonathan$^4$ dropped the Jr. from his name because now he was the eldest Jonathan in town. If there were three Jonathan Woodmans in town, the youngest one became Jonathan 3rd. To further complicate the matter, when that eldest Jonathan died the second in age became "Jonathan" and Jonathan 3rd became "Jr." Or if one of them moved out of town, their titles would change.

The following is a 1760 land deed from the New Hampshire State Archives. In it James Davis is certifying that he sold John Woodman land in Canterbury, New Hampshire in 1731: "Now when said Deed was wrote thro'd a mistake the Term of Distinction that was given me to distinguish from others of the same Name in Town, was James Davis Third. Whereas at the same time I ought to have been Termed Jun$^r$, there being but one of that Name in the Town Older than myself."(1)

Mercifully for genealogists, the law required wives to give assent (called giving up their dower) when husbands sold land. Guided by wives' signatures and a careful attention to land descriptions and inheritances, I have sorted out the Jonathan Woodmans in Durham.

Note:

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## Jonathan$^4$ (Jonathan$^3$, John$^2$, Edward$^1$)

**4-11.** Jonathan was born 23 April 1702 in Durham, New Hampshire, and was baptized with his family by the Reverend Hugh Adams 14 February 1719/20. He was called Jonathan, Jr. until his father died in 1750.(1)

The first time his name appears on a public record is 18 January 1723/4 when he witnessed a deed of his father giving land to Jonathan's elder brother John$^4$. When the common lands were divided 18 March 1733/4 Jonathan's share was twenty-five acres.(2)

By 14 May 1740, Jonathan had married Elizabeth Smith, the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Buss) Smith. Elizabeth had been baptized 23 June 1723.(3)

In May 1740, Elizabeth and Jonathan, with her mother and her brothers and sisters, deeded to Hannah and Charles Facey their interest in 3/4 acre of land and a tenement which had belonged to Elizabeth's dead brother John Smith. A week later Jonathan and Elizabeth gave up their rights in the estate of "our Father John Smith, deceased . . . and our brother John Smith, deceased."(4)

By 1749, Jonathan's father Jonathan[3], was in his eighty-fourth year. Knowing his death was surely near he began planning to dispose of his property. On 10 January of that year he sold the saw and grist mills at the lower falls on Oyster River freshet with "ye Iron worke materials y' utensils to ye sd mills . . . to my sons John Woodman y Jonathan Woodman, Jr." . . . plus all of the real estate not mentioned in his will.(5)

In a little over a year the old man was dead. At his father Jonathan's death, the "Jr." was dropped from young Jonathan's name and for the remainder of his life he was "Jonathan of Durham." His nephew, Jonathan[5], a son of this Jonathan's brother, John[4], became Jonathan, Jr.

From his father, Jonathan inherited 100 acres on the east end of the "burnt ground" where he and Elizabeth were then living. In her book, *Landmarks of Ancient Dover,* Mary Thompson wrote, "the burnt ground was indicative of a very early forest fire." (This "burnt ground" may have been old cultivated fields the Indians had anciently cleared by burning. Read *A Long, Deep Furrow – Three Centuries of Farming in New England* by Howard S. Russell, abridged by Mark Lapping, 1982).

The will provided that Jonathan's brother, Archelaus, who lived on the west 100 acres of the burnt ground should leave Jonathan a passage to the highway that led to the Mast Road and that should Archelaus have no children, Jonathan[4]'s eldest son would inherit the west 100 acres. The will directed young Jonathan to pay his sister, Mary, fifty pounds within five years. Jonathan, with his brothers and sisters, signed a deed giving their brother Downing the land their mother inherited from her father, Joshua Downing.(6)

In November 1752, Eliphalet Daniels sued Jonathan and his brother John for trespassing on a small piece of land near the Durham Falls on Oyster River where the mills their father gave them were located. Daniels charged that "the Defts on or about the 21st Day of September last with force & Arms Entered into & upon a Certain Close . . . Containing about One Quarter of an Acre Situate in Durham . . . and then and there In manner aforesaid broke the Soil of the Said Close & Dug up & Carried Away fifteen Sled Loads of the Plat. Gravel then and there being Drawn by four oxen Each Load and of the Value of Twenty Shillings Each Load and other Enormities the Defts then & there did against our peace."

John and Jonathan won in the Inferior Court, but Daniels appealed and the case was moved to the Superior Court. Copies of all the deeds of land transactions in the disputed area are in the file. Many witnesses testified, some declaring that for forty to fifty years Woodman men had taken gravel from that lot to repair the dam at the lower falls. The Woodmans lost in Superior Court.(7)

This Jonathan or his son Jonathan[5] served from 1 May to 21 November 1756 in the 4th Company of Colonel Nathaniel Meserve's Regiment in an expedition against Crown Point in the Indian Wars. Since Jonathan[4] would have been fifty-four years old, it was likely his son. On 29 June 1775, just nine months before he died, Jonathan and his fellow townsmen signed an agreement to gather arms to protect Durham during the coming Revolution.(8)

While the common lands were divided in 1733/4, the business of the Proprietors did not end for many years. While Jonathan had sold the last of his common land by 1757, he was appointed to serve on a committee to settle conflicting land claims in 1765. In 1672 he was selectman for the town.(9)

Jonathan was listed as living on the north side of Oyster River in 1760. He probably lived

there on the 100 acres of "burnt ground" his entire life. This is the land grant Captain John got in 1693/4. Parts of that 100 acres were occupied by the Woodman family until Moses Gilman Woodman, great-great-great-grandson of Captain John, died in 1916 at the age of eighty-five – about 223 years.

Although the burnt ground is now owned and farmed by New Hampshire University, it is still called the "Woodman Farm." A few yards away is the old cemetery which may be visited. There are thirteen graves there, seven of them without names. Surely Jonathan and Elizabeth are buried there.(10)

Jonathan made his will 8 March 1776; twenty days later he was dead. Elizabeth must have died before him, for she is not listed in his will.

> Item, I give to my Eldest Son Jonathan Woodman all my homestead farm where I now dwell with all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging together with all the stock excepting what I have given to my Daughter Hannah hereafter mentioned, Also I give to my said Son Jonathan a hundred acres Lot I own in Canterbury – and also my Right in the gristmill & saw Mill at Durham Falls. - - - - - Item, I give to my youngest son Benjamin fifty acres of Land on which he now dwells in Canterbury, and my half of another Right which is between me and my said brother John Woodman in said Canterbury to go to his sons after his decease.
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> Item, I bequeath and give to my Daughter Hannah Woodman my part of a lot of land in Rochester which is owned by my Brother John Woodman and me – also my part of a forty acre home lot in Canterbury which came by my father – I give also to my said Daughter Hannah two acres of arable [sic] land for her Improvement during her life, in the homestead together withe [sic] the lower room at the East end of the House during her celibacy – and that part of the cellar commonly called her cellar, also two cows and one yoke of steers usually called her steers and six sheep & also the keeping one cow and six sheep summer and winter, on said homestead; and likewise twelve apple trees in the Orchard on said homestead; for cyder with all my household furniture - - - - - - -
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> Item, Whatever Lands of mine may be found not expressed above to be divided equally between my two sons - - -
>
> Finally, I do hereby appoint my Son Jonathan Woodman sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. - - - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Eighth day of March 1776 - - .(11)

The land in Canterbury, New Hampshire and some of the Rochester, New Hampshire land mentioned in the will was some of the unnamed property Jonathan[3] gave Jonathan and his brother John in 1749.

*Jonathan's children:*

**5-18** i Jonathan[5].

**5-19** ii Benjamin[5].

iii Hannah[5], an only daughter, was born about 1752; she never married. Hannah inherited again when her Aunt Mary died the next year; Hannah got the "blue Taffety which is not yet made up."(12) Hannah witnessed land deeds in 1784 and 1785.

On 8 Oct 1787, Hannah and her cousin Jonathan, Jr.[5], sold part of lot #122 in Canterbury. This would have been the land her father and Jonathan Jr.[5]'s father, John[4], got from their father. The following year Hannah and her brother Jonathan sold forty-eight acres in Lee, NH for ninety pounds.(13)

The last reference to Hannah is in a land deed on 12 Mar 1824, when Hannah's nephew Jonathan[6], the son of her brother, Jonathan[5], sold land "being the whole my late father Jonathan[5] Woodman died seized and possessed of in Durham – Also all the land my aunt Hannah Woodman owned or possessed in said estate."(14) Hannah probably always lived on her father's homestead and it is likely she lies in one of the unnamed graves in what is called the Moses Woodman Cemetery in

Durham, NH. She left no will.

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3. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 48, 331-332.
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5. Ibid., Vol. 41, p. 59.
6. *Probate Records of Province of New Hampshire,* Vol. 4, 1750-1753, State Papers Series, Vol. 34, published by the State of New Hampshire, 1953; Register of Deeds, York Co., Alfred, ME, Vol. 42, p. 58; Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA, 18:621-24, 27-29.
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11. Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, Dover, NH, Vol. I, p. 161.
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13. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 220; Vol. 14, pp. 286-287; Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, Vol. 138, p. 107.
14. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 126, p. 243.

## Joshua[4] (Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-12.** Joshua was born 25 October 1703; when he was baptized with his family by the Reverend Hugh Adams, 14 February 1719/20, in the Oyster River Parish (now Durham, NH) he was recorded as an adult.(1)

Joshua was twenty-nine years old when the town of Durham divided its common land on 18 March 1733/4, thus making him eligible to receive a full share consisting of twenty-five acres.(2) It was probably around this time that he married Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Doe who lived near the "Moat" on the backwaters of the Lamprey River in the Packer's Falls District of Durham. Elizabeth was born 16 October 1700 and was baptized at the new meeting house by Reverend Hugh Adams 29 November 1719.(3) It is interesting to note that Joshua's brother Edward[4] married Elizabeth's sister Martha.

Elizabeth's father, John Doe, died without a will. On 24 April 1742, John's widow and children, including Joshua and Elizabeth Woodman and Edward[4] and Martha Woodman notified the court they had mutually agreed as to the best way to divide John Doe's estate.

Half of the Doe house was given to the Widow Doe; the remainder was divided among the six children. Joshua and Elizabeth received the east garret of the house and twenty-two acres of land. In 1745 they sold land to Elizabeth's brother Benjamin Doe for sixty-three pounds, two shillings, six pence. A year later on 3 June Joshua sold his twenty-five acres of common land to his brother Edward, with Elizabeth giving up her dower. Joshua's brothers John and Jonathan witnessed the deed.(4)

When his father died in 1749, Joshua inherited one-hundred acres in Durham above Packer's Falls of the Lamprey River with the privilege of the stream that ran to Packer's Falls Saw Mill. This was the land John[2] got 10 November 1658, and the place where Joshua was living at the time of his father's death.

Joshua, along with his brothers and sisters, complied with the terms of their father's will by signing a land deed giving their brother Downing the land over in Kittery, Maine left by their Grandfather Downing.

Joshua had his land perambulated 15 June 1765. (This was a traditional New England custom in which officials of the town government periodically inspected the boundaries and markers of land).(5)

Elizabeth died 31 January 1755. Joshua next married Rachel Taylor the widow of William Taylor. This marriage must have occurred between 30 April 1755 when Rachel Taylor was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate and 31 December 1755 when Joshua and his wife Rachel Woodman were granted a license to sell Taylor's real estate.(6)

That same year Joshua sued Shadrach Walton for payment of a loan of twenty-five pounds which Shadrach had promised to pay in "merchantable white boards" to be delivered at the Durham

***The oldest part of this house said to be the garrison house of Joshua Woodman.***

Landing.(7)

On 29 March Joshua made his will as follows:

To his eldest son, Joshua, he gave twenty pounds of lawful money to be paid within three years and his wearing apparel.

His wife Rachel was to have the room where Joshua lived which was located in the south end of the dwelling house with the Chamber and garret over the same and the cellar below it with the right to pass and repass. She was to have the garden and the orchard, all the meat, corn and cyder (sic) with the casks containing the same. Joshua gave Rachel one good milch cow and six sheep which were to be cared for by his executor; in addition she was to receive each year nineteen bushels of Indian corn, one bushel each of rye and peas, twelve bushels of potatoes and fourteen pounds of swingled flax. (Cleaned, beaten and scraped flax. A swingle, a wooden instrument shaped like a large knife, was used to remove coarse, woody portions of the plant.)

Rachel was to be provided with a good horse for her carriage so she could go to meeting on the Lord's Day and all the household furniture. All this was for Rachel as long as she remained his widow. At her death or if she should remarry, his youngest son, Archelaus, was to receive all Joshua had left her except "the furniture my wife brought me on my marriage to her."

Joshua's youngest son, Archelaus, was to inherit all the homestead plantation where Joshua lived, all the buildings and utensils of husbandry and his cattle and sheep.

To his granddaughter, Mary Woodman, the daughter of Joshua Woodman, Jr., Joshua left his bed, one bolster and two pillows, two good sheets and the white rug. (This white rug would be the bedspread.)

Joshua left Mary, Susanna and Hannah Burleigh, the daughters of his deceased daughter, Elizabeth Burleigh, ten shillings of lawful money to be paid them in six months following his death. His eldest son, Joshua, was to inherit all the rest of the land and tenements not disposed of in the will. Archelaus was named the sole executor.(8)

Joshua was about sixty-seven years old when he made his will, calling himself "in health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory." Giving Rachel "the room I now live in, being the south end of my dwelling house" indicated he had probably already given the use of the homestead house to a son. There could be several reasons for this, the first being a method to insure care in one's old age. Agreements were made with one's children – they could have the farm if they promised to support the aging parents until their death. Another possible answer is that such an arrangement hastened the time a son could marry and become independent. In an agrarian society owning land was necessary to support a family and many sons grew impatient waiting to inherit their father's land in order that they might marry.

While Joshua carefully arranged many details to insure his wife's comfort and well-being with the food, drink and transportation, he also carefully attempted to control her life after he had departed. All of this would be hers to use as long as she remained his widow. This stipulation would cause a lady to think twice before she married again. These old husbands also knew, however, that the moment his widow remarried, the second husband was legally entitled to the right to manage her financial affairs. To declare these things were hers only until she remarried may have been the first husband's way of protecting the property he hoped his children would someday own.

The living arrangements Joshua provided for Rachel in his will were common for that time. Often a man with grown, but unmarried daughters made similar plans for them in his house also. There are old wills in which the testator arranged for the use of stair passages, divided kitchens and dictated their use, divided orchards, barns and barnyards and discussed the use of water wells. Perhaps these arrangements for multifamily use of houses worked well, but it is easy to imagine the tension and pressure such a plan could create. Surely some of those old widows found it painful to have restricted use of a house of which they had been mistress for many years.

When Joshua's sister Mary died in 1777 she left him five pounds and five acres of a common right.(9)

The exact date of Joshua's death isn't known, but his will was probated 11 November 1778.(10)

An Inventory of the Estate of Mr. Joshua Woodman late of Durham deceased Testate:

| | |
|---|---|
| About 120 Acres of Land with the buildings thereon | 1980.0.0 |
| 1 Yoak Oxen | 60.0 |
| 3 Cows at 60 Dollars each | 54.0.0 |
| 1 Heifer at 20 Dollrs | 6.0.0 |
| 9 Sheep at 9 Dollars each | 24.6.9 |
| Swine | 30.0.2 |
| Coats | 18.0.0 |
| 3 Jackets at 12 Dollars | 3.12 – |
| 4 Shirts at 3 Dollrs each | 3.12 – |
| 1 Pair Breeches at 6 do 1 hat at 14 do | 6.0.0 |
| 2 pair stockings at 5 do 1 pair Shoes 2 do | 2.2.0 |
| 1 warming pan at 20 Dollars | 6.0.0 |
| 3 Weavers Beeds 5 Dol | 1.10 – |
| 1 Feather Bed & Bedstead & cord 72 Dollars | 21.12 – |
| 1 Under Bed 1 do 2 sheets 15 do | 4.16 – |
| 2 Pillows & 1 Boulster 6 Dollars | 1.16 – |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Boulster case & 2 pillow cases 3 do | | .18 |
| 1 Rug 6 Dollars | | 1.16 – |
| Old Iron 12 Dollars | | 3.12 |
| Total Amount | £ | 2238.0.0 |

Strafford ss—At a Court of probate holden at Dover within and for the County aforesaid on the Second Wednesday of January AD 1779 . . . .(11)

By the time Joshua died he had already disposed of most of his household furnishings. He owned no tools, no cooking utensils. Indeed, there was no furniture to equip any room except a bedroom; and all his farming equipment was gone except the oxen.

Joshua may have been blind. On 12 March 1885, Mrs. H. S. Viets of Boston wrote to Cyrus Woodman. In an effort to interpret Mrs. Viet's letter, I have added the enclosures.

Mrs. Viets was the daughter of Archelaus Woodman[7], who was a native of Nova Scotia. She is quoting from a letter she received from her father. In the letter, Archelaus[7] (Jacob[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]) had told her the story his father (Jacob[6]) used to tell him.

Mrs. Viets wrote that her father (Archelaus[7]) said from what he could remember of hearing his father (Jacob[6]) say about the family was that Jacob[6] was born at a place called Packer's Falls in New Hampshire. Jacob's grandfather (Joshua[4]) must have also lived there as he remembered Jacob speaking about his grandfather being blind, and Jacob[6], as a small boy, was often his (Joshua[4]'s) guide. Joshua was married but never saw his wife. Mrs. Viets said her father Archelaus[7] was named after his grandfather (Archelaus[5]) and that Archelaus[7] was the son of Jacob[6].

January 1, 1886, Mrs. Viet's father, Archelaus[7] of Clementsport, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, wrote to Cyrus . . . .

> I have heard my father say he was born in a garrison house or blockhouse. I am not certain which he called it. In my other letter I said my great grandfather was blind. Until the present I thought it must be my great grandfather Woodman. On consideration I find it might have been otherwise which I do not think probable. Father said he received a strain when a young man by upending a hogshead of molasses which caused his blindness. He married and lived with his wife many years and never saw her . . . I am seventy-seven – my father's youngest child and the only one living. You said to my daughter (she writes me) that you did not know where Packer's Falls were. Quite likely it goes by some other name now. In 1820 I was there on a visit with my mother; her father and mother whose names were Chesley lived on their homestead in old Durham, New Hampshire, about one mile from the salt water landing on a road then called the turnpike. Packers Falls lay some two or three miles to the West.

The old man's letters are so filled with ambiguities it is impossible to know which of his ancestors was blind. Perhaps Joshua[4] was blind or it could have been one of his Chesley ancestors he was trying to remember. There is no doubt Archelaus[7]'s ancestor was Jacob[6] whose grandfather was Joshua[4].

These letters were copied from the papers of Cyrus Woodman and Edgar H. Woodman in 1923 by Miss Susan Woodman, 102 Locust St., Dover, New Hampshire.

The old man mentions a "block house" or garrison house. In her book *Landmarks of Ancient Dover,* Mary Thompson wrote, "A Woodman garrison, probably built by Joshua Woodman, stood not far from Wiswall's mills on the upper side of the Lamprey River."(12) And it is there today! The *Durham Historic Association Newsletter* had this article:

RESTORATIONS

Presently under restoration in Durham is the end-chimney homestead of Joshua Woodman located on the south side of Packers Falls Road between Wednesday Hill and Wiswall Roads. Built about 1740 or 1750, the house was occupied by only two families, the Woodmans and the Chesleys, until a hundred years ago. Though recent owners have allowed the house to become run down, they have generally not attempted to modernize or alter the structure. Of particular interest is a rather primitive kitchen all which seems to have been built before the main house, perhaps as early as the 1730's when Joshua Woodman is known to have had title to the land. Interested parties are invited to stop by throughout the spring to watch the emergence of this old house from its tarpaper and tin chrysalis.

Julian Smith 3rd.(13)

In 1990 the house was owned by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harter.

*Joshua's children:*

**5-20** i Joshua[5], b. 11 Jun 1736.

**5-21** ii Archelaus[5], b. 18 Aug 1737 (?).

**5-22** iii Elizabeth[5].

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 393-394; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 30, p. 59.
2. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 21.
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4. Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Docket #25935; Archives Land Deeds, Vol. 32, p. 180, Vol. 66, p. 2; *Landmarks of Ancient Dover,* pp. 149-150; *Probate Records of Province of New Hampshire,* Vol. 3 1741-1749, State Papers Series, Vol. 33, published by State of New Hampshire, 1933.
5. *Probate Records of Province of New Hampshire,* Vol. 4, 1750, 1753; State Papers Series, Vol. 34.
6. *New Hampshire State Papers,* Vol. XXXV, pp. 283-4; Provincial Papers of New Hampshire, Vol. 19, p. 433.
7. State Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Docket #19327.
8. Probate Records, Strafford Co., NH, Vol. 1, p. 327.
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10. Ibid., Vol. 1, p. 327.
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12. *Landmarks of Ancient Dover,* pp. 151, 189, 268.
13. *Durham Historic Assn. Newsletter,* Apr 1968, Durham, NH.

## Edward[4] (Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-13.** Edward was born 22 May 1705; when he was baptized with his family 14 February 1719/20, he was said to be of "nonage." When the common land in Durham was divided in 1733/4 Edward's share was 16 2/3 acres.(1)

On 7 December 1740 Edward married Martha Doe, the daughter of John[2] (Nicholas[1]) and Elizabeth Doe of Durham. Martha was born in Durham 13 June 1716, and was baptized 29 November 1719 by Reverend Hugh Adams. She was the sister of Elizabeth who married Edward's brother, Joshua[4].(2)

In April 1742, following Martha's father's death, the Doe family applied to the court for permission to divide his estate themselves. Edward and Martha received 240 acres in the second division in Rochester, New Hampshire and the chamber in the southwest corner of her father's house. Edward and Martha signed the document, she with an "X."(3)

For reasons that are unclear, all the Doe children, with Edward and his brother, Joshua[4], signed a note on 10 April 1742, promising to pay the Widow Doe 700 pounds. Later that same day

the Widow Doe and her children and Joshua[4] signed a promissory note to pay Edward 700 pounds. Later, Martha's brother, Daniel, did not pay his share to Edward, for in February 1743 Edward sued Daniel Doe for nonpayment and the court found for the plaintiff. The case remained unsettled until July of 1746 when the court took 31 1/4 acres of the land Daniel inherited from his father to pay Edward.(4)

In 1746, on 3 June Edward bought his brother Joshua[4]'s twenty-five-acre share in the common lands; their brothers John[4] and Jonathan[4] witnessed the deed.(5)

There must have been bad blood between Edward and Martha's brother Daniel for their legal troubles continued. Seventeen December 1747 "Dan'l Doe and Edward Woodman who were heard last night on ye petition with their counsel come into the house and said they were about agreeing and desired ye house would difer their judgement on said petition til a farther day which is accordingly granted." A few days later Edward sold Daniel the 31 1/4 acres in Durham that Edward got as a settlement in his case against Daniel in 1746.(6)

When his father died in 1750 Edward inherited the 300-acre farm Captain John[2] got from Edward[1] in 1681 "which lyeth Scituate above Haverhill, in or near the Line of Methuen," and the twenty-four acres of common land Jonathan[3] got from the town of Durham in 1733/4. The will instructed Edward to pay his sister Mary fifty pounds within five years. Edward with his brothers and sister, Mary, complied with their father's wishes and signed a deed releasing the land in Kittery, Maine to their brother Downing.(7)

Martha died 18 December 1761, and Edward married the much younger Widow Mary (Titcomb) Tebbetts, the daughter of Daniel and Ann (Wingate) Drew Titcomb of Dover, New Hampshire. Mary was born 27 January 1724, a twin to her sister Sarah. The twins were baptized 19 April 1724 in the First Church of Dover by Reverend Jonathan Cushing; on 21 October 1744 Mary was admitted as a member of that church.(8)

Edward sued Gideon Mathes and Josiah Durgin on 13 August 1765, for trespassing, alleging that on 28 May they "with force and arms entered into and upon a certain close [a fenced area] . . . containing 100 acres . . . and then and there in manner aforesaid the said Gideon and Josiah did pull down & Destroy Ten rods of the Plats fence . . . and laid open the Same Close & continued the same breach for the term & space of three days & exposed the same to all cattle passing that way . . . and then erected a fence on said Close & Enclosed about Eleven Acres . . . and other Enormities." There is no record as to the outcome of this case.(9)

On 21 November 1769 Jeremiah Folsom sued Edward of Lee for fourteen pounds, alleging Edward, with a note "in writing under his hand" promised to pay seven pounds, three shillings and five pence with lawful interest and had failed to do so. The last land transaction on record for Edward was 27 January 1772 when he sold ten acres in Nottingham, New Hampshire to Paul Gile; his brother Joshua witnessed the deed.(10)

Edward farmed all of his life in the same place. Although early land deeds called him of Durham, the common land he got from the town was located in the piece of land set off from Durham in 1766 which became the Parish of Lee.

When Edward made his will on 10 May 1776, he called himself a yeoman from Lee and old man. Its contents were as follows:

His wife, Mary, was to receive "one-third of my real estate during the term of her natural life and one-third of my personal estate to her and her disposal."

Edward's son John was to have eighty acres of the grant he got from the Massachusetts Bay Colony which "is paid out a little ways above the Township of Lebanon near Salmon Fall River (so called)."

His son Samuel inherited all of Edward's land in the Parish of Lee where he (Edward[4])

lived – with the house and barn – excepting his mother's dowry while she lived, provided Samuel would convey all of his right to the land in Rochester, New Hampshire to his brother John where John was then living.

Sons Edward, David and Ebenezer were given all the land granted from the Colony of Massachusetts except the eighty acres given to John, while Edward's daughter, Elizabeth, was to receive five shilling to be paid by Samuel. His son Samuel was appointed executor.

Edward must have been quite weak when he made his will for it was signed with an "X"; other documents indicate he could write his name. The will was probated 12 June 1776.(11)

The land "a little above the township of Lebanon," that Edward gave his sons was a 500 acre grant made to Edward 9 June 1766. It was annexed to Lebanon, Maine 5 March 1785 and was set off to Shapleigh (now Acton, Maine) 14 February 1793. It was called Fox's Ridge.(12)

The much younger Mary lived on to a great age. In 1787 she inherited from her mother Anne Titcomb of Dover. Mary, with her sisters Sarah Wingate and Abigail Libbey were to divide their mother's wearing apparel, household furniture and livestock. Mary's brother, Benjamin Titcomb, who died in 1799 in Dover mentioned Mary and her son Ebenezer in his will. Mary died in October 1810 at the age of eighty-five.(13)

*Edward and Martha's children:*(14)

**5-23** i John[5], b. 18 Sep 1742.
**5-24** ii Edward[5], b. 3 May 1746.
**5-25** iii Samuel[5], b. 19 Sep 1749.
iv Elizabeth[5], b. 18 Nov 1753.
**5-26** v David[5], b. 18 Sep 1755.

*Probably Edward and Mary's child:*

vi Ebenezer[5] is said to have been b. 29 May 1760, but mystery surrounds this son. There is no doubt Edward had a son Ebenezer, for he is mentioned in his will and there are land deeds of Ebenezer calling Edward his father. Both the Titcomb and Wingate family genealogies give Mary as the wife of Edward Woodman with a son named Ebenezer Woodman; Mary's brother Benjamin Titcomb mentions Mary Woodman and her son Ebenezer Woodman in his will. But if Edward's first wife Martha (Doe) did not die until December 1761, Ebenezer should appear as her child. To further complicate matters *Vital Records of Dover,* New Hampshire show an "Ebenezer, son of Edward baptized 15 July 1764" and that on 12 January 1802 an Ebenezer Woodman died of a fit, age thirty-four.

Following Edward's death, on 12 May 1779 at a Court of Probate, "Thomas Huckings was chosen and allowed to be guardian unto Ebenezer Woodman son of Edward Woodman late of Lee . . . Yeoman deceased a Minor upwards of fourteen years of Age . . . ." Mary's brother Benjamin Titcomb gave bond with sureties.(15)

But on seventeen June 1780, Ebenezer and his brothers David, John and Edward – listed as yeomen from Lee, New Hampshire – divided the 500-acre grant of land over by Salmon Fall River in Maine. John, Edward and Ebenezer sold David 220 acres for 100 pounds; John, David and Edward sold Ebenezer 162 acres for 100 pounds. That same day the four of them sold seventy acres of it to Thomas Pollock for 100 pounds.(16)

On 12 January 1788 Ebenezer of Lee sold 202 acres ". . . being part of a grant of land that was granted by the said Massachusetts to his Father Edward Woodman and was given to the said Ebenezer by his Father Edward Woodman in his last will and Testament Proved Approved and Allowed which will fully appear in the Probate Records of the county of Strafford . . ." to his uncle Benjamin Titcomb of Dover.(17)

Ebenezer seems always to have lived in Lee. There are no records of a marriage or children.

Perhaps for some reason he was not fit for marriage. He was the only boy in the family who could not write his name; he signed land deeds with an "X."

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11. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 145.
12. Gertrude E. Hall, *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, ME;* George W. Chamberlain, *Soldiers of the American Revolution of Lebanon, ME and The Beginnings of Lebanon,* 1975, p. 17. Originally published 1936.
13. *Descendants of William Titcomb,* pp. 41-42; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 2, p. 317.
14. A family record copied in Auburn, NH, 17 May 1899 by Lewis Woodman, a great-great-grandson of Edward[4] and Martha; Rev. Elliott C. Cogswell, *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, NH,* 1878, pp. 506, 507; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 394.
15. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, 2:17.
16. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Alfred, ME, 51:76, 53:195, 66:72.
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## Downing[4] (Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**4-14.** When he was born 5 December 1706 in Durham, New Hampshire he was called Downing, which was the surname of his mother's family. Downing was baptized in Durham with his family 14 February 1719/20, by the Reverend Hugh Adams. The record refers to him as being of "nonage."(1)

His Grandfather Downing died over in Kittery, Maine, in 1717, leaving Downing's mother one-third of his estate. It is possible Downing spent most of his early years in Kittery working on his grandfather's farm, for there are no records of him in Durham or Strafford County.(2)

Downing was living in Kittery by 2 October 1736 when he married Elizabeth Hill. She was born 14 November 1717, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Nelson) Hill.(3)

On 26 November 1743, Downing's father, Jonathan, "for parental love and affection" deeded to

him the land in Kittery "purchased by my honored father-in-law Joshua Downing of Kittery, deceased."(4)

When Downing's father died in 1750, Downing inherited "all that my share or part in my late Father Downing's Home-Stead Land and in Hathing [sic] Marsh, and all that my Thirty Acres of Land Butting on Laighton's Land near Sturgeon Creek all in the town of Kittery in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England; and my other Sons and my Daughter Mary are ordered hereby to give him an Acquittance thereof of Each of them; or on failure thereof to pay him Fifty pounds apiece, by each of them."(5)

In compliance with their father's will, Downing's five brothers and sister Mary, 14 March 1750 signed a deed releasing their right to the "Real Estate which was our Grandfather Joshua Downing's at the Time of his Decease in the Township of Kittery and in the Township of Berwick and which was our Uncle Joshua Downing's at the Time of his Decease in each of the said Townships and which was our Father Jonathan Woodman's . . . ."(6)

On 15 March 1757, Downing was made a private in Captain John Frost's 1st Company of the Kittery, Maine, Militia training band.(7)

When Downing's sister Mary died in 1777 over in Durham, she remember him by leaving him five pounds.(8)

In the York County, Maine, Registry of Deeds, dated from December 1743, to January 1784, there are twenty-one of Downing's land deeds. He sold his first piece of land in 1743, and from that time forward he gradually disposed of his property. By the 1770's – Downing was in his sixties by then – he was mortgaging land and being forced by the courts to sell property to settle debts. There is but one record of his ever having bought land and that was in 1772 when he purchased three acres which he had been forced to sell the year before to pay a debt. Downing had inherited all the land he ever had.

In 1773, Downing moved from Kittery to Berwick, Maine. The last record of Elizabeth is 25 March 1772; nothing more is known of Downing after 30 January 1784. Neither left a will and there is no record of where they are buried.(9)

*Downing's children:*(10)

i Jonathan[6], b. 20 Jun 1738; m. Catherine Fry of Kittery, 5 Nov 1766 in Newington, NH.(11)

This Jonathan is the right age to be the Jonathan of Kittery, ME who, about March 1757 reported to the 1st Company of Militia training band commanded by Captain John Frost. And who from 29 Feb 1760 to 10 Nov 1760 served as a Corporal under Captain Humphrey Chadbourn.(12)

By 28 Apr 1772, Jonathan, called a mariner, was dead and his wife Catherine had taken another husband – one Joseph Jenkins; Jenkins in fact, was one of the administrators of Jonathan's estate.

An inventory of Jonathan's belongings was valued at forty-nine pounds, nine shillings, four pence as follows:(13)

Wearing Apparrels
one old Small pine table
old pine Chest Draws
Six Stone plates
Six Knives & five forks
Wine Glass 6.
2 Chiney [China] Cups one Saucer
pot Peper [?] Box
one old State [?] old Tin pan
Small Tin Cannister & Funnells
old meal Sieve Two old pales [pails]
old Small torn bible & 2 old Torn Books
pare old Wool Cards
one Narrow ax one hoe
pare Small hinges
14 Iron Wedges

One Bed & Bedding
Pewter
old pine Box
Small Delf Bowl
Earthen Tea
one Butter Cup
Six Wine Bottles
old Salt mortar and old Shares [sic] 2
Three pewter Spoons
old flesh fork
Iron Shovell and Tongs
Iron Pot and Kettle
Trammell
old Iron Candlestick
one old Earthen Water Pot
pare old Cloath Lumes [Looms?]

pare hand Irons  Small Crane
one old Spining Wheeal
Two Small hand Baskets
Salt Cellar
one Note of hand against Downing Woodman dated
Decemb. 17 1764 upon Interest from Date of Sd. Note
ye Interest of Said Note from ye Sd. Dec 1764 to the Date
of this Inventory.
one Dwelling House valued at ten pounds.

On 7 Jul 1773, Joseph Jenkins and Catherine his wife, administrators of Jonathan's estate, "in our said capacity & for the payment of the said Intestates Just Debts . . . have quit claimed unto him the said Downing . . . a Certain Dwelling House that is standing on the Lands of the aforesaid Downing which said House was built by the said Intestate . . . ." Downing paid them twelve pounds, fifteen shillings.(14) Jonathan probably had no children.

ii Mary[5], b. 25 Mar 1740; filed m. intentions with Solomon Green of Kittery 23 Feb 1777 and m. six days later. She was probably Solomon's second wife, for there is a record, "Solomon Green, son of Daniel and Sarah (Knight) Green, b. 9 May 1715; m. Mary Snow 23 Sep 1735; had Lydia b. 1737; m. Mary Woodman 29 Feb 1771." In the 1790 and 1800 Census, she was a widow, living alone.

iii Temperance[5], b. 23 Sep 1742; d. 20 Apr 1743.

iv Benjamin[5], b. 16 Sep 1744; m. Eunice Hanscom of Kittery, filing their intentions of marriage 28 Sep 1771. She was the dau. of Samuel and Mary Hanscom.(15) The U.S. 1790 Maine Census shows a Benjamin in Kittery with a wife, three sons under age sixteen and three daughters, but almost nothing is known about him except that he died 28 Nov 1816 at the age of seventy-three.(16) In 1820 Eunice "Widow" lived in Eliot, ME with two males, aged 26-45 and two boys and a girl under 10.(17)

v Ellis[5], b. 25 Dec 1746; d. 18 Jul 1749. The church records call her "Allice." I believe in earlier times "Alice" was sometimes written as "Ellis."

vi Catherine[5] (Katherine), b. 13 Apr 1751. She is said to have m. Joseph Jenkins 15 Dec 1771, but that marriage might have been Jonathan[5]'s wife taking her second husband.

vii Elizabeth[5], b. 15 May 1749. She inherited five pounds from her Aunt Mary in Durham in 1777.

viii Samuel[5], b. 30 Apr 1753. "Monday, June ye 26, 1769, Mrs. Downing Woodman's son and Mrs. Sheepley's Negro of Kittery were Drownd."(18)

Notes:

1. Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 393; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 30, p. 59.
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4. York Co. Registry of Deeds, Alfred, ME, Vol. 25, p. 86.
5. *Probate Records of Province of New Hampshire,* Vol. 4, 1750-1753, State Paper Series Vol. 34, published by the State of New Hampshire, 1933.
6. York Co. Registry of Deeds, Alfred, ME, Vol. 42, p. 58.
7. Muster Roll of French & Indian Wars, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA, Vol. 95, p. 374.
8. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dover, NH, Vol 1, p. 244.
9. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 42, p. 77; Vol. 43, p. 222; Vol. 48, p. 44.
10. *Old Kittery and Her Families,* p. 805; *Kittery, Maine Records,* Vol. II, Part II, p. 42; Records of Second Church, Kittery.

11. *Old Kittery and Her Families,* pp. 437, 805.
12. Muster roll of French & Indian Wars, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, Vol. 95, p. 374; Vol. 98, p. 162.
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14. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 43, p. 222.
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17. U.S. Census.
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Other Data:

York Co. Deeds, 28:192, 29:111, 39:97, 37:33, 39:28, 34:242, 39:181, 39:206, 40:142, 40:136, 41:158, 41:316, 42:52, 42:77, 45:169, 43:223, 51:73, 48:5.

# FIFTH GENERATION

**Jonathan Small[5] (Jonathan Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-1.** Jonathan was born 26 May 1721 at Harwich, Massachusetts. On 2 Mar 1742/43 at Harwich he married Hannah Weeks, daughter of George & Deborah (Wing) Weeks, who was born 21 September 1721. After Hannah's death he filed marriage intentions 20 March 1779 with his cousin Mrs. Mercy Parker[5] who was born about 1727, the daughter of Benjamin & Patience (Baker) Small. Prior to this marriage, Mercy had been married first to Joseph Phillips 8 November 1744 and then to Charles Parker. It is said she lived to be 103.(1)

*Jonathan and Hannah's children (named Small) born at Harwich:*

i Elijah[6] Captain, b. 26 Dec 1742; m. Barbara Godfrey at Chatham on 13 Jan 1767. She m. (2) (intent 25 May 1781) Ebenezer Weeks. Barbara d. 11 May 1798. Captain Elijah Small's gravestone is in Island Pond Cemetery at Harwich Centre.

ii David[6], b. 29 Jan 1745; m. (1) (int. 18 Jun 1768) Elizabeth Atkins; m. (2) Eunice (_____) Howland (intent 5 Mar 1774).

iii Jonathan[6], b. 21 Oct 1747; m. 21 Dec 1772, Bethia Godfrey of Chatham, MA. He d. 30 Jun 1798.

iv Hannah[6], b. 31 Jan 1749; d. young.

v Phebe[6], b. 19 Feb 1752; m. 22 Apr 1779, as the second wife of Ammiel Robbins, son of Eleazer and Mehitable (Weeks) Robbins. Moved to Swanville, ME.

vi Enoch[6], b. 19 Sep 1756; m. intent 25 May 1781, at Harwich, Olive Harding, daughter of Prence (sic) and Jedidah (Young) Harding. Olive was b. 19 May 1761 at Chatham. Enoch settled in Chatham and d. there 31 Mar 1798.

vii Elisha[6], b. 5 Mar 1760; m. 15 Nov 1781 to Zipporah Harding of Chatham, b. 30 Dec 1762, dau. of Prence (sic) and Jedidah (Young) Harding at Chatham.

viii Hannah[6], b. 22 May 1762.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, p. 326; *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 114, 115.

**Edward Small[5] (Joseph Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-2.** Edward was born about 1719 at Durham, New Hampshire and baptized there on 17 September 1721. He married (1) _____; m. (2) 1 August 1749 Hannah Hall. His estate was settled 1770.(1)

*Edward & 1st wife's children (named Small):*

i Sarah[6], bapt. 16 Jul 1749, at Durham, NH; m. Samuel Pitman of Durham; removed to Barnstead, NH, where he died in 1825, aged eighty-nine. She also died in 1825, aged eighty-nine.

*Edward & Hannah's children (named Small):*

ii Elizabeth[6], bapt. 30 Sep 1750 at Durham, NH.

iii Hannah[6], bapt. 7 Jun 1752 at Durham, NH.

iv Mary[6], m. 27 Nov 1780, John Welch of Barnstead, NH.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, pp. 309, 326, 327; *Genealogy of Edward Small*, p. 116.

**Benjamin Small[5] (Joseph Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-3.** Benjamin was born in Durham, New Hampshire probably 1728-29. On 14 December 1752 he married Elizabeth Saunderson of Durham. A soldier in the Revolution, he was fifty years old

10 January 1778. He died in Durham 25 October 1806, age 77.(1)

*Benjamin's children (named Small):*

i Elizabeth[6], bapt. 14 Oct 1753; died young.
ii Elizabeth[6], bapt. 19 Oct 1755.
iii Jemima[6], bapt. 8 May 1757; d. in Durham 12 Jan 1852, unmarried.
iv Sarah[6], bapt. 8 Apr 1759.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, p. 327; *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 116-117.

**John Small[5] (Joseph Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-4.** John Small was born 24 May 1732, probably at Oyster River (Durham, NH). He moved to Falmouth (Westbrook), where he married, 4 October 1754, Bethia, who was born 12 May 1733, daughter of James and Bethiah (Miller) Wyman, of Falmouth. Bethia was the widow of John Merrill, and had a child, Nathan Merrill. Bethia's parents were married at Gloucester, MA.(1)

*John's children (named Small):*

i Elizabeth[6], b. 15 Nov 1755.
ii Prudence[6], b. 22 Oct 1757.
iii John[6], b. 20 Mar 1760.
iv Zachariah[6], b. 21 May 1763; m. Jemima Gilman.
v David[6], b. 2 Apr 1765; m. Lucy Woodbury of Cape Elizabeth.
vi Abigail[6], b. 6 Jun 1767.
vii Jemima[6], b. 20 Jan 1769.
viii Bertha[6], b. 13 Apr 1772.
ix Mary[6], b. 15 Sep 1774.
x Joseph[6], b. 6 Nov 1775.
xi James[6], b. 3 Apr 1781.

Note:
1. *Genealogy of Edward Small*, p. 117.

**Benjamin Small[5] (Benjamin Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-5.** Benjamin was born in 1732, probably in Harwich, Massachusetts. He appears to have been the Benjamin Small who married, 20 March 1750/51, Ann Cash, of Eastham, who died soon thereafter. Ann Cash was probably the daughter of Samuel and Patience (Pike) Cash of Eastham. On 26 April 1753, Benjamin married Bridget Eldredge, born 29 July 1730. Bridget died 15 March 1812 in her eighty-third year. Their gravestones are in the old Methodist Cemetery in East Harwich. Benjamin's will, dated 6 February 1805, mentions wife "Bridgett; sons, William, James, Eli, Thomas and Zebedee; daughters, Dorcas Eldredge, Sarah Eldredge, Patience Nickerson, and Bridget Ellis."(1)

*Benjamin & Ann's child (named Small):*

i Dorcas[6], m. 7 Jan 1773, at Harwich, to Samuel Eldredge.

*Benjamin & Bridget's children (named Small):*

ii William[6], m. 22 Nov 1778, at Harwich to Sarah Daggett. He may have gone to Belfast, ME.
iii Sarah[6], m. 12 Dec 1776, at Harwich, Ebenezer Eldredge.
iv Patience[6], b. 9 Nov 1757; m. 15 May 1777, at Harwich to Uriah Nickerson, who was

b. Chatham 11 Jul 1757; d. 27 Mar 1835. She d. 11 Mar 1848, aged ninety.

v Benjamin[6], m. 12 Apr 1782, Susannah Lovell. Benjamin was living in 1801, and d. before 21 Jan 1807.

vi James[6], m. about 1784, Anna _____.

vii Eli[6], b. 1767, m. 30 Jul 1786, at Harwich to Elizabeth Rogers, dau. of Moses and Elizabeth (Smith) Rogers, b. 22 Jun 1766; d. 24 Jul 1838, aged seventy-two. Eli d. 23 Feb 1850, aged eighty-three. The gravestones are at East Harwich.

viii Thomas[6], m. (int. 7 Nov 1789) Lydia Robbins, probably dau. of Nathaniel and Lydia (Broadbrooks) Robbins, b. 11 Mar 1771, at Harwich, MA.

ix Bridget[6], m. 15 Dec 1792, at Harwich, Jeremiah Ellis.

x Zebedee[6], m. Mercy (Mary) Eldredge, 11 Dec 1794.

Note:
1. *Genealogy of Edward Small*, pp. 119, 120.

## Edward Small[5] (Benjamin Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-6.** Edward was born in 1738. On 24 September 1761 he married Hannah Cole. He died 21 August 1811.(1)

*Edward's children (named Small):*

i Edward[6], b. 13 Apr 1765; m. to 26 Mar 1789 to Lydia Phillips. He d. 23 May 1844.

ii Thankful[6], b. 1767.

iii Daniel[6], b. 1768; m. 25 Oct 1787, Priscilla Clark.

iv Abigail[6], b. 1769.

v Isaiah[6], b. 1771; m. Deborah _____.

**6-1** vi Isaac[6], b. 19 Aug 1773.

vii Reuben[6], b. 1775; m. Thankful _____.

viii Hannah[6], m. 29 Jan 1795, Benjamin Doane.

ix Patience[6], b. 1780.

x Ezra[6], b. 30 Jun 1783; m. about 1802, Barbara Young, who was b. 1785; d. 19 Feb 1849.

Note:
1. *Genealogy of Edward Smith*, p. 120-121.

## Joseph Small[5] (Benjamin Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-7.** Joseph was born about 1742 probably at Harwich, Massachusetts; married Mercy Godfrey at Harwich 23 January 1766.(1)

*Joseph's child (named Small):*

i Barbara[6], b. 9 Oct 1776. She m. _____ Sawtelle. She d. 29 May 1860, age 83 yrs., 7 mos., 20 days.

Note:
1. *Genealogy of Edward Small*, p. 121.

## James Thompson[5] (John Thompson, Jr.[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-8.** James was baptized 21 March 1717/18. He filed intentions of marriage with Mary Clark of Wells, Maine on 21 July 1739 and they were married 14 September of that year.

He was a mariner and Captain of a sloop called *Nancy*. Mary administered his estate in 1762.

*James' children (named Thompson):*[1]

i James[6], was bapt. 2 Jul 1749. On 27 Sep 1772 he m. Alice Watson. He served three years in the Revolution.

ii Samuel[6], was bapt. 17 Aug 1755. He was listed as a soldier in Capt. Winborn Adam's Company in 1775 and served in the Army until 1780.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 361.

## Nathaniel Thompson[5] (John Thompson, Jr.[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-9.** Nathaniel was baptized 29 May 1726. He married Elizabeth Stevens, the daughter of Deacon Hubbard and Mary (Thompson) Stevens. A surveyor with a title of "ensign," he was in Durham in 1770. Though he owned land in Pembroke, New Hampshire, he settled in New Holderness, New Hampshire, where he served as a selectman in 1773. Nathaniel was killed in Durham while launching a ship.

*Nathaniel's children (named Thompson):*[1]

i Dolly[6], b. 20 Oct 1761.

ii John[6], b. 15 Mar 1763.

iii Nathaniel[6], b. 21 Apr 1765; On 11 Apr 1786 he m. Olive Dow of Gilmanton, NH.

iv Elizabeth[6], b. 17 Aug 1767.

v James[6], b. 27 Aug 1769.

vi Polly[6], b. 6 Feb 1772; m. John Hill 4 Feb 1796.

vii Jane[6], b. 9 May 1774.

viii Ebenezer[6], b. 15 Jul 1776.

ix Rev. Samuel[6], b. 28 Feb 1779; d. 12 Aug 1853.

x Hubbard[6], b. 1783.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 348, 361, 362.

## Jonathan Thompson[5] (Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-10.** Jonathan was born 1718. On 24 December 1755 he married Susanna Runnels Thompson, the widow of Samuel Thompson and the daughter of Job Runnels. He lived in Lee, New Hampshire, and was titled "ensign."

*Jonathan's children (named Thompson):*[1]

i Mary[6], d. 1832 at more than seventy years old. She was blind many years.

**6-2** ii Samuel[6], b. about 1756.

**6-3** iii Jonathan[6], b. about 1760.

iv Sarah[6], b. about 1763; m. John McCrillis of Nottingham, NH.

v Susanna[6], b. 1765; m. Daniel Fox of Acton, ME.

vi Elizabeth[6], b. about 1767; m. Pelatiah Thompson.

**6-4** vii Job[6], b. 2 Sep 1772.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 363.

**John Thompson[5] (Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-11.** Sergeant John Thompson was born in September 1721. On 3 October 1750 he married Abigail Emerson who was born 26 February 1731, the daughter of Micah and Sarah (Huckens) Emerson.(1)

John lived on Mast Road and served often as commander of scouting parties. He died 3 December 1794; Abigail lived on for twenty-eight more years until she died 11 November 1822 at the age of ninety.

*John's children (named Thompson):*

i Samuel[6], was run over by a cart and killed when young.

**6-5** ii Edmund[6], b. 25 May 1759.

**6-6** iii John[6], b. 29 Mar 1762.

iv Hannah[6], b. 26 Oct 1765. She m. Capt. Daniel Taylor 2 Dec 1802 and died at Vassalboro, ME.

v Love[6], b. 26 May 1767; m. Jacob Joy 8 Nov 1792.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, pp. 177, 362.

**Joseph Thompson[5] (Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-12.** Joseph was born 29 November 1738 (baptized 11 March 1739). On 17 or 19 November 1763 he married Abigail Randall who was born 27 May 1740, the daughter of Miles and Abigail (Runnels) Randall.(1) Abigail died 20 December 1770 and on 12 November 1772 Joseph married a second wife Hannah Chesley. Hannah was born 12 May 1742, the daughter of George and Sarah (Sampson) Chesley.(2) Joseph moved to Conway, New Hampshire in 1774 where he died 6 February 1805. Hannah died 15 August 1830.

*Joseph and Abigail's children (named Thompson):*

i Joseph[6], b. 1 Jan 1765; d. 18 Feb 1818.

ii Miles[6], b. 28 Oct 1766; d. 12 Mar 1769.

iii Isaac[6], b. 18 Oct 1768; d. 27 Jan 1818.

iv Abigail[6], b. 9 Jun 1770; d. 15 Aug 1813.

*Joseph and Hannah's children:*

v John[6], b. 23 Jan 1774; d. 8 Aug 1844.

vi Hannah[6], b. 13 Nov 1776; m. ____ Hall.

vii Jonathan[6], b. 26 Jun 1779; m. Polly Willey 20 Jan 1806. He died 26 Mar 1856.

viii Jeremiah[6], b. 10 Sep 1780. He married Polly Chesley in Barnstead, NH on 8 Oct 1812. His second wife was the Widow Harriman. He died 4 Jun 1869.

ix Sarah[6], b. 25 Apr 1785. She m. Daniel Cheney and lived in Lunenburg, VT.

x Ebenezer[6], b. 1 Oct 1787; d. 1 Aug 1830, unmarried.

Notes:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, pp. 313, 362-363.
2. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 62.

**Samuel Thompson[5] (Robert Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-13.** Samuel was baptized 22 March 1723/4; he married Susanna Reynolds. After Samuel's death, Susanna married Jonathan Thompson.

*Samuel's child (named Thompson):*(1)

i Hannah[6], b. 29 Jul 1749; she m. her cousin Smith Emerson. She died 25 Dec 1841.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 361.

### Robert Thompson[5] (Robert Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-14.** Robert Thompson, born 8 July 1726, married Susanna, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Burnham) Thompson who was born 17 April 1731 and died 23 October 1822. He died 12 June 1805. Lived in Lee, where he was chairman of the board of selectmen in 1766.

*Robert's children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Benjamin[6], b. 18 Jun 1753; d. 27 Jul 1760.
ii Mary[6], b. 24 Oct 1754; d. 3 Sep 1786.
iii Elizabeth[6], b. 2 Jul 1756; d. 9 Jul 1760.
iv Jonathan[6], b. 23 Jan 1758.
v Robert[6], b. 27 Jun 1760; d. 27 Aug 1786.
vi Susanna[6], b. 4 Aug 1762; d. 28 Aug 1786.
vii Pelatiah[6], b. 15 Jul 1765.
viii Abigail[6], b. 16 Apr 1768; d. 25 Aug 1786.
ix Deborah[6], b. 8 Nov 1769; m. John Watson of Lee.
x Isaac[6], b. 15 Nov 1771.
xi Samuel[6], b. 15 Apr 1774.
xii Sarah[6], b. 25 Apr 1776; d. 26 Aug 1786.
xiii Hannah[6], b. 22 Feb 1799; m. 28 Dec 1805 to Edmund Ryan; she d. 23 Jun 1849; he died April 1834.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 363.

### Ebenezer Thompson[5] (Robert Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-15.** The Honorable Ebenezer Thompson, born 5 March 1737 married 22 May 1758, to Mary, daughter of Vincent and Lois (Pinkham) Torr. She was born 1 September 1740 and died 14 November 1807. He died 14 August 1802.

*Ebenezer's children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Sarah[6], b. 16 Feb 1759; m. James Leighton; d. 16 Jan 1807.
ii Anne[6], b. 30 Jan 1761; m. 22 Feb 1781, to Rev. Curtis Coe; d. 11 Oct 1829.
iii Ebenezer[6], b. 12 Jul 1762.
iv Benjamin[6], b. 31 Mar 1765; m. Mary Pickering.
v Mary[6], b. 11 Apr 1767; m. 7 Nov 1787, Richard Pickering of Newington, NH. She d. 10 Oct 1837.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, pp. 363-364.

### Mary[5] (John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-16.** Mary was born 14 February 1734; married John Coleman; died 9 September 1819.(1)

*Mary's children (named Coleman):*

i Woodman[6], inherited lot #130 in the 1st div. of 100-acre lots in Canterbury, NH.

ii Alice[6], inherited "the blue taffety gown which is already made up" from her Aunt Mary[4] Woodman.

Note:
1. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dover, NH, 1:258, 1:244; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 393.

**Jonathan[5] (John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-17.** This Jonathan was born in Durham, New Hampshire in Captain John's old garrison house 5 January 1743. George Washington was eleven years old that year. This Jonathan, this man who was the son of John, was called Jonathan 3rd for a time and from 1776 to 1799 he was called "Junior" because his cousin, Jonathan[5] (Jonathan[4-3]) lived in the town and was the eldest.(1) He married Martha Davis on his twenty-second birthday in 1765.

Martha was baptized by Reverend John Adams 21 December 1754, the daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Davis) Davis. Moses Davis died in 1769, leaving Martha thirty-one acres in Durham, which she and Jonathan sold in 1784. In 1770, they, with Martha's family, sued the Daniels family in a dispute over some of Moses Davis' land.(2)

In November of 1774, fearing a coming war with England, "Jonathan 3rd" met with his townsmen in Durham. The following month, on a freezing New Hampshire night, Major John Sullivan, with a group of men from Durham, slipped down the Piscataqua River to Fort William and Mary to steal military supplies. On the list of men who accompanied him was "Captain Jonathan Woodman." While it does not say "Jonathan, Jr.," this Jonathan is the only one in Durham ever to be called "Captain." Everett Stackpole, the author of *The History of Durham, Volume I*, calls him "Captain" on page 203; he is called "Captain" on at least two land deeds. The probate court referred to him with that title on the inventory of his estate. Jonathan served on Durham's Committee of Safety, Inspection and Correspondence in 1777, '78, '79.(3)

His father, John[4], died in July of 1777. When Jonathan appeared before the Strafford County Probate Court on 8 October as executor of John's will, the court called him "Jonathan, Jr." Young Jonathan inherited largely from his father. He left him the homestead farm east and west of Beard's Creek, the "new pasture," land lying between the Mast-Way and the country road leading to Dover, the saw and grist mills at Durham Falls and all the "outlands."

John[4] bequeathed one-fourth acre on the north side of Wolf Pit Hill point (on the homestead farm) to Jonathan – and to eldest sons forever – to be used as the family cemetery. Jonathan's father also left him two negro slaves – Dan and "old Ben." Shortly before John's death, Dan bought his freedom (see John[4]). John[4] asked that Jonathan "support and take care of my old negro man Ben." Dan served three years in the Revolutionary War, but there is no record of what happened to old Ben.[4]

The "outlands" Jonathan inherited were many. There was land in Rochester, Canterbury, Lee, and Loudon (all in NH). It made young Jonathan a well-to-do man. Following his father's death, Jonathan bought more land and more mills at the falls; he owned mills on both sides of Oyster River.[5]

Martha died 28 December 1784. Less than two months before her death she did something not usually done by women in those times – she bought Nathaniel Hill's "mansion house" with an acre of ground. Jonathan, of course, had to give his permission. She left this house to her children. Jonathan bought four acres surrounding the house.[6] The mansion house she bought lives today – sitting high on the hill above the falls. It is a large house, part of it said to be built around 1649 by Valentine Hill. It is pictured on pages 340 and 342 of *The History of Durham,* Volume I. Around 1800 Jonathan and the children began selling pieces of the five acres, and then the house, to

George Ffrost. The Ffrost family owned it for many years, and it is called the "Ffrost House." The house needs much work and has been sold several times.(7)

Close by the house is a cemetery – on an acre of land Jonathan sold in 1797 to many men who bought it for their personal burying yard. One of those men was Jacob Woodman, the son of Jonathan's cousin, Archelaus$^{5}$.(8)

New Year's Eve 1786, two years after Martha's death, Jonathan married Mrs. Mary (Jewett) Smith. She was much younger than Jonathan, being born 15 December 1759, the widow of John Smith. She had one child, George, by that marriage.(9)

Jonathan's Uncle Archelaus$^{4}$ died without children in the fall of 1786 and Jonathan inherited again. He was to share livestock, crops, etc., in Durham, and land in Rochester with his cousins.(10) From that time, and for years to come, Jonathan was called "Gentleman" on his land deeds.

In the 1790 Census, Jonathan, Jr. had a household of two males over 16, five males under 16 and three females. Jonathan was active in town affairs in this decade. He was selectman in 1794, 1795, 1798, 1799 and 1807. In 1792 he served on a committee to build the church and bought one of the more expensive pews.(11)

On 30 May 1799 Jonathan and Mary sold for $1500.00, thirty acres of the homestead farm to Mary's first husband's brother, Ebenezer Smith. That same day Ebenezer sold the property back to Mary for $50.00, with the deed specifying the property was to descend to Jonathan and Mary's children after his death. Jonathan's cousin, Jonathan$^{5}$ (Jonathan$^{4\text{-}3}$, John$^{2}$, Edward$^{1}$) had died the month before; so for the first time in his life, this Jonathan, a son of John, was no longer called "Jonathan, Jr." Now, and for the rest of his life, he was called "Captain" or Jonathan of Durham.(12)

Jonathan began selling land that same day. In the remaining eight months of 1799, he sold land twelve times – part of it was land passed through the family since Captain John$^{2}$ died in 1705, land that had been in the family more than 200 years.(13)

The 1800 Census has Captain Jonathan in Durham with two males under ten, two males aged 10 to 16, one male over 45 and two females aged 26 to 45. He was listed in 1810, but I have no details of his household.

It is strange that on 9 August 1800, Ebenezer Thompson and Timothy Emerson sold back to Jonathan for $5.00, land they bought from him the prior year for $423.75, and in 1806 a land deed refers to an execution against Captain Jonathan's land, but I have no details.(14) Sixteen October 1809, Jonathan made his will:

> In the name of GOD amen, I Jonathan Woodman of Durham, in the County of Strafford, and State of Newhampshire Gentleman: calling to mind the uncertainty of life, but being of sound disposing mind, and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following viz—
>
> Imprimis I recommend my Soul into the hand of GOD who gave it, and my body to the dust, to be decently intered [sic] by my Executors hereafter named after my just debts and funeral charges are paid: my wordly Estate I dispose of as follows viz—
>
> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary all my household furniture, and the one third of all the residue of my Estate.—
>
> Item— I give and bequeath to my son Jonathan, one dollar, to be paid by my Executors.—
>
> Item— I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, wife of Andrew Woodman twenty dollars to be paid by my Executors in two years after my decease—
>
> Item— I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha, wife of John Wadley twenty dollars to be paid by my executors in two years after my decease—
>
> Item— I give and bequeath and devise to my Daughter Lois, wife of Isaac Ladd twenty dollars to be paid by my Executors in two years after my decease—
>
> Item— I give and bequeath and devise to my son Nathan his heirs and assigns forever all my right title and interest that I have in and unto the grist, or corn mill, standing on the river at Durham Falls so called, with all the privileges, and appurtenances, thereto belonging—

Item— I give and bequeath and devise to my sons John Nathan Moses and William their heirs and assigns forever all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal wheresoever and whatsoever to be equally divided between them, their heirs, and assigns, and in case of the death of either, or any of them, without lawful issue, then my will is, that the share or shares of the deceased shall go to the survivor or survivors, their heirs and assigns in equal shares, they the said John, Nathan, Moses, and William to pay all my just debts and funeral charges equally among them——

And I do nominate and appoint my said sons John, Nathan, Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former ones by me heretofore made—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of October, anno Domini 1809——

Jonathan Woodman(15)

Jonathan must have been heartbroken by 1811. Both sons of his first marriage were gone – Jonathan[6] had been murdered (some say he deserted his family in 1806 and just disappeared); Joshua Fabyan died at sea in 1801. Now in 1811, John Smith died in the West Indies in March; nineteen-year-old Moses died 21 August in Lee, New Hampshire. (It is difficult to distinguish an "S" from an "L" in some of the early writings. *The History of Durham* has Joshua Fabyan[6] and Moses[6] "died at sea." My researcher thought Moses died at "Lee" not at "sea.") Ten days later the old man was dead.(16)

Jonathan had named John, Nathan, Moses and William as his executors, but when it was time to probate his will, only twenty-two-year-old Nathan appeared in court; the other boys were dead. The only other son was young William who was only seventeen.

A warrant issued in common form to the Hon. Ebenezer Smith Esquire, Valentine Smith and George Frost Esquires all of Durham in the County of Strafford – to take an Inventory & Appraisal of the estate of Jonathan Woodman late of said Durham – Gentleman, deceased – Who made return as follows, to wit, An Inventory of the Estate of Captain Jonathan Woodman late of Durham, deceased, which was shown to us by Nathan Woodman his Executor – Taken Nov$^{m}$ 1$^{st}$ 1811."(17)

| | | |
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| 6 Winsor Chairs $6.00 - | 1 Arm'd do [means ditto] $1.50 | $ 7.50 |
| 6 bow back do $7.50 - | 1 large maple Table $3. | 10.50 |
| 1 Large birch Table $4. - | 1 Cherry Tea do $4. | 8. — |
| 1 Birch do. 4. - | 1 Looking Glass $4.50 | 8.50 |
| 1 p$^{r}$ cast iron dogs $1. - | p$^{r}$ tongs & shovel $1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1 hearth brush - .20¢ | 3 large silver spoons $4.50 | 4.70 |
| 8 Silver Tea spoons $4.- | 2 Japan waiters $1.00 | 5. — |
| 1 maple waiter - .34¢ | 1 Tea set of blue & white China cups, saucers etc | 2.34 |
| 1 D$^{o}$ of Coffee $10. - | 2 Tea cannisters - .25 | 10.25 |
| 8 wine glasses - .67¢ | 7 Tumblers 1.17 | 1.84 |
| 1 p$^{r}$ vinegar units - .34¢ | 2 p$^{r}$ snuffers & tray - 50¢ | .84 |
| 1 p$^{r}$ glass salts - .20¢ | 1 Glass basket - .30¢ | .50 |
| 1 cc 2 Lt pitcher - .40¢ | 6 bow back chairs $4.80 | 5.20 |
| 1 maple desk $4.50 - | 1 maple table $2. | 6.50 |
| 1 Large old Bible $2.- | 1 small looking glass $1. | 3. — |
| 2 pitchers & one mug-.50¢ | 3 old China Bowls - .30¢ | .80 |
| 1 p$^{r}$ cast Iron dogs - .83¢ | 3 decanters $1. | 1.83 |
| 1 Case & four bottles - .50¢ | 1 set candle moulds - .20 | .70 |
| 1 Bed, including Bed, underbed, bolster, two pillows & Cases, 2 sheets, 2 blankets & Counterpane | | 25.00 |
| 1 pine writing desk 1.50 - | 1 old warming pan - .75 | 2.25 |
| 1 pair old wool cards - .25¢ | 1 pair cotton do - .40¢ | .65 |
| 12 kitchen chairs $2. - | 1 large maple table $1.50 | 3.50 |
| 1 small maple table - .75 | 1 candle stand .40¢ | 1.15 |
| 1 pair brass candlesticks $1. - | p$^{r}$ Iron do - .67 | 1.67 |
| 1 Looking Glass - .33¢ | 1 p$^{r}$ cast iron dogs .50 | .83 |

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| 2 p$^{r}$ tongs & two shovels $2. - | 1 p$^{r}$ bellows - .25 | 2.25 |
| 1 p$^{r}$ flat irons & grate $1.50 - | 1 Tin kitchen $2.50 | 4. — |
| other tin $5. - | 5 pewter dishes $2.50 | 7.50 |
| 2 pewter basons (basins) - .34¢ | 6 do plates $1. | 1.34 |
| 1 Tin Lantorn .25 - | 1 Iron pot $1.50 | 1.75 |
| 1 Iron Kettle - .50 - | 1 Tea Kettle - .50 | 1.00 |
| 1 Old wire sieve - .25- | 1 Common do .10¢ | .35 |
| 1 Brass kettle $3. - | 1 Iron do. $2. | 5. — |
| 3 Earthen bowls - .25 - | 48 do plates $2. | 2.25 |
| 1 Coffee pot - .25¢ | 6 cups & saucers & cream - .40¢ | .65 |
| 1 old wooden waiter .25¢ | 1 p$^{r}$ snuffers .06¢ | .31 |
| 1 pine chest - .75 - | 1 old arm'd chair .50 | 1.25 |
| 6 old fram'd chairs $2. - | 1 set homespun check'd curtains $6. | 8. — |
| 1 Bed, Bolster, 2 pillows & cases, underbed & bedstead | | 18. — |
| 1 Bed as before enumerated | | 15. — |
| 3 Chintz counterframes $4. - | 7 Blankets $12. | 16. — |
| 6 p$^{r}$ cotton & Linnen sheets $12. - | spain Linen do $2. | 14. — |
| 12 p$^{r}$ pillow cases $4. - | 3 low sheets $2. | 6. — |
| 3 coverlets $6. - | Quilts $18. | 24. — |
| 5 diaper Table cloths $5. - | 1 Large trunk $2. | 7. — |
| 1 pair fire dogs .50 - | 1 Toilet Table - .50 | 1. — |
| 7 diaper Table cloths $7. - | 1 old pine chest - .34¢ | 7.34 |
| 24 Towels $6. | | 6. — |
| 1 Bed, underbed, bedstead, p$^{r}$ blankets, bolster and case and two quilts | | 14. — |
| 1 ditto with quilt | | 18. — |
| 1 Featherbed, underbed, bedstead, with sacking bottom 2 blankets, 1 sheet, 1 bolster & quilt | | 20.— |
| 1 do - $15. | 1 old trunk - .50 | 15.50 |
| 1 old maple desk - .50¢ | 1 flarecomb $2. | 2.50 |
| 1 pine chest - .50 - | 1 cheese safe $2. | 2.50 |
| Loom & apparatus $4. - | 1 old clock $4. | 8. — |
| 1 Large wheel [spinning] - .50 | 1 Linen do $1. | 1.50 |
| 1 bread trough - .30¢ | 1 old Bedstead $1. | 1.30 |
| 1 Barley sieve - .30 - | 1 woman's saddle $10.00 | 10.30 |
| 1 old black tin pot - .25¢ | 2 Japan pepers, 12¢ | .37 |
| 2 Japan Tumblers - .12$^{1}/_{2}$¢ | 1 do quart .12$^{1}/_{2}$¢ | .25 |
| 1 Butter boat .60¢ | 8 saucers & hook .25 | .31 |
| 2 Milk pans .12¢ | 18 knives and forks $4. | 4.12 |
| 3 wash tubs and one dish tub | | 1.50 |
| 1 Iron Laddle and one brass skimmer | | .25 |
| 2 old pails - .40 | p$^{r}$ Steelyards - .50 | .90 |
| 2 old pine Tables | | 1.00 |
| Amount of household furniture | | $ 267.84 |

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| The wearing apparel of the deceased | | 30.00 |
| One Gun $5. — | one old do $2. | 7. — |
| One Crane, hooks and trammel | | 3. — |
| One old hammer | | .20 |
| One wall Pew on the lower floor of the Meetinghouse in Durham numbered thirty nine | | 40. — |
| A piece of pasture land, situate in Durham, adjoining the road, leading from Durham falls to Dover estimated at twenty acres @ 25 dollars p$^{r}$ acre | | 500. — |
| 3$^{1}/_{4}$ Acres of pasture land, by estimation in said Durham adjoining Land of Col$^{o}$. Timothy Emerson and Benjamin Thompson Esquire | | 40. — |
| 19 days in 24, or $^{19}/_{24}$th of the grist mill, situate at Durham falls, with the privileges & appurtenances to the same belonging | | 380. — |
| One yoke of Oxen $50. | 2 Cows $28. | 78. — |
| 2 Yearling heifers $14. - | 2 three year old do. $24. | 38. — |
| 3 Calves $11. | 3 spring pigs $14. | 25. — |
| 10 old sheep and one small lamb | | 20. — |
| One mare $30. | one yearling colt $25. | 55. — |
| Three hogs and one spring pig | | 30. — |
| One Ox yoke, ring staple and bows | | 1.25 |
| One Do. .50¢ one do $2. | one Calves do. 34¢ | 2.84 |
| Three old Ox yokes - .25 | 4 old steers bows - .40¢ | .65 |

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|---|---|---|
| One Jointer and one fore plane | | .60 |
| 4 chizzels - .34 | one shave .17 | .51 |
| One Cooper's adze .25 - | 2 dung forks - .60¢ | .85 |
| 4 hay rakes - .50 - | 4 hay forks $1.00 | 1.50 |
| 1 Iron shovel - .67 - | One old saddle $4. | 4.67 |
| 1 Old saddle and bridle - 1.00 | | 1. — |
| One sleigh and harness | | 15. — |
| One pair Iron bound wheels | | 30. — |
| One hay Cast* and one tumbrel Cast* | | |
| [*I think they mean tumbrel cart, meaning a two-wheeled cart] | | 3. — |
| 4 old hoes - .60 - | one old - .17¢ | .77 |
| 1 Broad ax and two narrow axes | | 2.50 |
| 1 Bettle, rings and two wedges | | .60 |
| 4 ox chains $6.25 - | Clevis and pin - .75 | 7. — |
| Ox plough $4. - | One old ox sled 1.50 | 5.50 |
| 6 horse harrow teeth .75¢ | small grindstone - .34 | 1.09 |
| One pair of old block wheels | | 4. — |
| 4 old cider Hogsheads and one tierce | | 5. — |
| [tierce, an old unit of liquid measure equalling 42 wine gallons] | | |
| 3 Old meat casks $1.50 | 1 churn .50 | 2. — |
| 1 old mash tub - .50 - | Sundry dry casks 1.34 | 1.84 |
| One ox yoke, without bows, ring or staple | | .34 |
| | | $1606.55 |

This inventory is probably typical of a fairly well-to-do family. They had eight beds and thirty-eight chairs. Three mirrors, a cherry tea table, wine glasses, a china tea set and eleven silver spoons would seem to be luxury items. The only book listed is a Bible. The house had no floor coverings, sofas or pictures.

There is no evidence Jonathan ever lived in the "mansion" Martha bought; I think he lived all his life in Captain John's[2] garrison house on the old homestead. He and Mary are buried there at the end of Woodman Road. His first wife Martha was surely buried there, also, but her grave is unmarked. The last time I visited that cemetery, Captain Jonathan's gravestone was broken – probably vandalized. I have since replaced it.

On 11 September 1817, Nathan and his brother William bought most, if not all, of their mother's property. Their mother, Mary, now a widow for six years, was probably preparing for her marriage to Colonel Timothy Emerson, Emerson's wife having died the year before. The sons got the property Mary bought from her brother, Ebenezer Smith, in May of 1799, except for the north room in the dwelling house with "a privilege into and from the well and a privilege also into and from the cellar under said dwelling house." Mary also sold her right of dower in twenty acres of pasture, "the above two parcels being all the homestead farm of my late husband Jonathan Woodman." Included in the sale was her right in the grist mill at Durham Falls, commonly called Woodman's Mill and her dower and power of thirds in three and one-fourth acres of pasture in Durham.(18)

On 5 March 1817 Mary became the second wife of Colonel Timothy Emerson; by 30 January 1827 he, too, had died. Mary lived to be seventy-nine years old, dying 17 December 1838.(19) She is buried beside Jonathan in the family graveyard on Captain John's old farm.

*Jonathan and Martha's children:*(20)

i. Mary[6], b. 25 Sep 1768; m. her cousin Andrew Woodman (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]). See Andrew[6].

ii Martha[6], b. 12 Feb 1773; m. Timothy Meserve 12 Mar 1789, the son of Joseph and Ruth Meserve. Martha was a widow by 1801 when she sold to her brother Joshua Fabyan her right in the three-fourths acre at Durham Falls with the mansion house her mother bought. The next year she and her father sold one-fourth acre at the landing place. In 1809 her father's will called her the wife of John Wadley. She inherited $20.00 from her father.(21)

**6-7** iii Jonathan[6], b. 21 Jul 1774.

iv Joshua Fabyan[6], b. 2 August 1775 in the old Woodman Garrison, the son of Jonathan and his first wife Martha (Davis). He inherited part of the Nathaniel Hill "mansion" which his mother bought about a month before she died in 1784.

By March 1797 his sister Mary, who was married and living in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, sold her one-fifth share in the house to Joshua Fabyan. At the time of this sale, Joshua Fabyan's sister, Martha, and her husband, Timothy Meserve, lived there.

In 1800, Joshua Fabyan and his father sold one-fourth acre at the landing place at Durham Falls. (Old land deeds show some really unusual objects to mark property boundary lines. A stake and stones was very common. Others include a marked tree, a large black rock, carved initials on rocks. One corner of this land was marked by a small apple tree sprout.) In June of that year, Joshua Fabyan sold the house "formerly owned by Nathaniel Hill" to George Ffrost.

On 6 February 1801, Joshua's sister, Martha Meserve sold her share in three-fourths acre at Durham Falls with the house thereon, which Nathaniel Hill had sold her mother, Martha Woodman, deceased.(22)

There are no further records of Joshua Fabyan in Strafford County, New Hampshire. In 1797 he was called a cordwainer (a shoemaker); all later deeds call him a husbandman. There is no record that he ever married. He died 5 October 1801 at sea. (The old handwriting may mean he died at Lee).

v Lois[6], b. 15 Jan 1783; m. 4 Feb 1801 Isaac Ladd. In 1821 she sold land to her stepbrother, William[6]. She inherited $20.00 from her father.(23) She witnessed three of her father's deeds.

vi Alice[6], buried 11 Jul 1784 in an unmarked grave.

vii John Smith[6], b. 14 Oct 1787; d. 8 Feb 1811 at Demerara, West Indies. He was named for his mother's first husband. John witnessed one – maybe two – of his father's deeds. Called "John" in his father's will.(24)

6-8 viii Nathan[6], b. 9 Dec 1789.

ix Moses[6], b. 12 Mar 1792; d. (at sea – or do the old records say "at Lee"?) 21 Aug 1811.(25)

6-9 x William[6], b. 10 Jul 1794.

Notes:

1. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 74; Vol. 3, p. 452, 453; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 394.
2. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, pp. 97, 394; *New Hampshire State Papers,* Vol. 39 (Probate Records, Vol. IX), pp. 306-9; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 6, p. 455; State Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Docket #19822.
3. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. I, pp. 118-121, 129, 203; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 40, p. 234; Vol. 52, p. 423; Strafford Co. Probate, Vol. 17, p. 375.
4. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 258; Vol. 2, p. 414; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 252.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 3:452; 6:417, 418; 139:490; Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, 134:378.
6. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 6, pp. 419, 444.
7. Ibid., Vol. 33, pp. 383, 391, 393; Vol. 30, p. 426; Vol. 39, p. 127; Vol. 40, p. 234; Vol. 41, p. 78.
8. Ibid., Vol. 26, p. 227; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. 1, p. 241.
9. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 336, 394-5.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 2, p. 277.
11. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 201, 203, 366, 367.
12. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 30, p. 286; Vol. 53, p. 365.
13. Ibid., Vol. 30, pp. 285, 313, 322, 328, 362, 426, 508, 509; Vol. 31, p. 119; Vol. 33, p. 157; Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 152, p. 202, 390; Vol. 153, p. 249.
14. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 30, p. 509; Vol. 34, p. 409; Vol. 52, p. 423.
15. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 13, p. 474.
16. New Hampshire Vital Records; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 394-95.

17. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 17, p. 375.
18. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 97, p. 430.
19. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 179, 394; *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* Vol. IV, Jan. 1907-Oct. 1907; Charles W. Tibbets, Dover, NH, 1907, p. 130.
20. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 394-5.
21. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 286; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 39, p. 127; Vol. 41, p. 78.
22. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 6:44, Vol. 32:240, 33:383, 393, 39:127.
23. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 13, p. 474; Strafford Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 30, pp. 262, 509; Vol. 151, p. 32.
24. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Ibid., 151:32; 34:208.
25. New Hampshire Vital Records.

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Other Land Deeds Examined:

Strafford Co., 3:74, 6:417, 6:418, 8:404, 10:140, 12:526, 20:39, 2:507, 25:253, 29:183, 29:184, 16:73, 30:262, 33:410, 98:109.

Rockingham Co., 139:490, 134:378, 199:18, 135:140, 140:41.

## Jonathan[5] (Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-18.** There is no record of this Jonathan's birth, but his eldest known son, Lemuel, was born by 1760 so sometime before 1760 Jonathan married Patience Chesley, a member of one of Durham's earliest families, the daughter of Lemuel and Sarah (Smith) Chesley.(1)

It is this Jonathan who was listed as living north of Oyster River in 1760. And he probably lived somewhere on his father's one hundred acres of "burnt ground," if not right in his father's house, even though he was married and had at least one child.(2)

In 1769 and again in 1770 Jonathan was sued in Inferior Court for failure to repay money he had borrowed, this last suit being brought by Andrew Chesley of Nottingham, New Hampshire, who was probably one of his wife's relatives.(3)

Perhaps this Jonathan was a soldier in the Indian War of 1756; there was a Jonathan Woodman among 700 men led by Col. Nathaniel Meserve of Portsmouth, New Hampshire who marched against Crown Point. He was in the 4th Company and served 1 May 1756 – 1 November 1756.(4) It could have been Jonathan's father, Jonathan[4], though he would have been fifty-four years old at the time. It seems more likely to have been this younger Jonathan.

By 1774 the people of Durham felt much anxiety about the unrest with England and feared a war was sure to come. In December of that year 400 Durham men slipped down to Fort William and Mary at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, overcame its occupants, and captured one hundred barrels of gun powder which they sent up the river to be hidden in Durham. This is said to be the first overt act of violence against England. The night following the first raid, men from Durham returned to the fort, coming away with many military supplies.

In the list of men who accompanied Gen. Sullivan on that second raid is a "Captain Jonathan Woodman." Was this the Jonathan who went on the raid? There were three Jonathan Woodmans in Durham at that time. It seems unlikely it would be Jonathan[4] for he was seventy-two years old. This Jonathan[5] was a suitable age, but so was his cousin, Jonathan[5], the son of John[4]. *The History of Durham* calls that cousin (son of John[4]) "Captain Jonathan," as does an 1806 land deed. In twenty-nine land deeds of the subject of this sketch this Jonathan was never referred to as "Captain." It seems more likely the Jonathan who went on the raid was not this Jonathan, but his cousin.(5)

At a meeting 29 June 1775 many of the men of Durham met to plan for the Revolution. Their agreement was signed by Jonathan[4], this Jonathan who was called "Jr." at the time and Jonathan 3rd who was Jonathan[5], the son of John[4]. In 1780 Jonathan served on the town's Committee of Safety, Inspection and Correspondence. He was chosen selectman in 1796 and 1797. These are his only records of public service.(6)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought this Jonathan was a Sergeant in the Revolution and that he fought at Bunker Hill, but I have been unable to document that. This Jonathan's great-great-great-grandson, Charles Austin Woodman of Appleton, Maine, has (1990) Jonathan's old sword. Their family tradition is that Jonathan used that sword in the Battle of Bunker Hill.(7)

But records of the Revolution are scanty and difficult to understand. Old lists may show that four or five soldiers named David Woodman or Jonathan Woodman served in the ranks. Few records list the soldiers' home town or any pertinent information about them. A careful study of that war's pension records is revealing. While there were long enlistments, it was also common for a man to serve for short periods of time – for perhaps fourteen days or less. This service generally occurred when a community felt threatened – referred to as an "alarm." When the alarm ended, the service ended and the soldier returned to his home. Pension records show that one individual may have enlisted four or five times – sometimes with a different commanding officer, perhaps in different regiments. Thus the four or five Jonathan Woodmans may be but two different men – or just one. Unless the soldier had an unusual first name such as "Hilton" or "Downing," it is nearly impossible to say with certainty which man was the soldier unless he or his widow filed an application for a pension or bounty land. Those old applications for land or pensions usually give the date and place of birth, marriage dates, wives, etc., and are a good source of information.

Patience, called "my daughter, wife of Jonathan Woodman," inherited land when her father Lemuel Chesley died in 1768-69 and again in 1801 when there was another division of his estate.(8)

When Jonathan's father died in 1776, he got the homestead farm (one hundred acres on the burnt ground), one hundred acres in Canterbury, and part of grist and saw mills at Durham Falls; any land not listed was to be divided with his brother Benjamin.

Jonathan inherited again when his Uncle Archelaus died in 1786. When Jonathan's grandfather died in 1750, his will directed that if his son Archelaus[4] never married or had children, this Jonathan was to inherit Uncle Archelaus' one hundred acres of burnt ground. Jonathan also was to share 240 acres of land in Rochester with his son John and his cousins Archelaus, Jr.[5] and Jonathan, Jr.[5] He and these cousins also shared the remainder of his estate which included neat cattle (an archaic term pertaining to oxen) swine, sheep, crops on the ground, hay, tackling and every other part of his unnamed property.(9)

Jonathan was appointed executor of Archelaus' estate. On 19 October 1790, with a license-to-sell from the probate court, he sold eighty acres in Rochester which had belonged to the dead Archelaus. In a public auction held in Dover, New Hampshire, 2 September 1793 Jonathan sold Archelaus' 240 acres in Rochester; Jonathan's son Lemuel was the highest bidder. About four months later Jonathan bought the Rochester land from his son Lemuel.(10)

Jonathan spent his life farming – always in Durham; in every record he was called a yeoman or husbandman. In the 1790 Census his household had four males over sixteen, four males under sixteen and five white females. If the *History of Durham* is correct, Patience bore children over a span of twenty-five years, which was probably usual for that time.

Jonathan and Patience inherited a good deal of land. From her father she got land in Rochester, Lee and Madbury; Jonathan inherited land in Rochester, Canterbury, Lee and Durham. From the moment they received their inheritance, they began to steadily mortgage then sell the land until most of it had slipped away.

Jonathan died 15 April 1799; by that time Patience must have been living on a scrap of land. She is not listed as head of a household in the 1800 Census, but an 1809 land deed gives her land as a boundary line. The land she sold her son Jonathan of Lee in 1806 was from a late division of her father's land.(11)

Patience lived on until 17 May 1811. Surely she and Jonathan are buried up on the "burnt

ground" in two of those unnamed graves on the Woodman Farm, also known as the Moses Woodman Cemetery, in Durham.(12) Neither left a will.

*Jonathan's children:*

**6-10** i Lemuel[6], b. 1760.

ii Alice[6], d. 15 Mar 1860 at age ninety-three, unmarried. She is mentioned as an inhabitant of Durham in an 1824 land deed. In it she is called "Ellis." Alice is buried in the Moses Woodman Cemetery(13) which is up on the "burnt ground" in Durham and is now called the Woodman Farm.

iii Sally[6] (Sarah[6]), m. 10 Mar 1790 to Jonathan Crockett. She and her sister Betsey (Elizabeth) inherited "beds, beding, desk and the whole of my Household furniture" from Archelaus[4].(14)

**6-11** iv Isaac[6], b. 13 Aug 1770.

v Archelaus[6]. If his death record is correct, Archelaus was born about 1784; the 1850 U.S. Census gave his age as "62" which would make him born about 1788. Everything about Archelaus is as uncertain as his birthdate. He was an elusive figure whose life was difficult to follow. No one in the family remembered him except the grandchildren of Archelaus' brother Isaac. And they could never agree.

There was an Archelaus in Durham in 1800 and 1830, which might have been him, but the first real evidence of Archelaus is in June 1842, when he bought twenty-five acres out in the fourth range of lots up in Woodstock, New Hampshire, which cost him $60.00.(15)

Isaac's grandson, Freeman Woodman, who was born in 1838, wrote, "Archelaus Woodman came to my father's when I was young and lived with us until we moved West (in May 1848). We never knew anything of his history as he was very solemn, seldom went away from home, and we seldom saw him laugh. Think he had a spree now and then, as he would come home and lie on the bed two or three days. He was always kind to us children, always boarded with father, and helped with the work . . . He seldom had anything to say. I knew he had a piece of land up above father, not much, but he built a house there and after we left he married an old lady who was very lightly respected."(16)

The family sharply disagreed as to whether Archelaus ever married. Isaac's grandchild Addie Woodman Berry thought he had not and wrote, "I can just remember my father's Uncle Archelaus. I do not know if he was ever married. He lived all alone in a small house at the end of that road in Woodstock. I have been with my folks up there getting the big, big blackberries. [I] do not know whether he had any children or not."

"I do wish," wrote another of Isaac's granddaughters, Mrs. Florence R. Glynn, "I could aid in the Archelaus story. I have always understood that he was my great uncle, my Grandfather Isaac's brother. My mother (Mary Ann Woodman Russell) said they had reason to believe that he left a wife and children and came to Woodstock where Isaac lived."

None of the other grandchildren had heard that Archelaus deserted a wife and children, but they thought he had married. "Uncle Archelaus I well remember when a child," wrote Elizabeth Jane Russell Sanborn, "he often came to our home. He lived a hermit life on a tiny farm about two miles from my home. Late in life he married."

Not only did the family not agree about Archelaus' marriage, those who said he did marry argued about the name of Archelaus' "lightly respected" bride. Elizabeth Jane thought she was the "Widow Selingham, a woman of about sixty-five." But Freeman had the final word. He said her name was Griffin. "My father said the witches used to bother him when he went after the cows. He said that Mrs. Griffin that Uncle Archelaus married was supposed to be the witch."

Freeman continued, "I wrote my folks in New Hampshire for news about Uncle Archelaus, but could get nothing new. One cousin saw the funeral procession go by when they buried Uncle's

wife, but could give no date. So we will drop that. I know they had no children."(17)

Twenty-five days before Archelaus died he sold his little place to his nephew Charles Woodman[7] for $125.00. Archelaus died on New Year's Eve, 1861, at Woodstock, age seventy-seven. The death record listed him as a farmer and widower.

So here is all that is known about Archelaus – a death record, a few census records (none of which give his age the same) and four land deeds. The rest is family hearsay.

vi Betsey[6] (Elizabeth), m. Ezekial Hayes of Nottingham, NH in Jan 1792. In 1777 she inherited "one Bed and Bedding" from her Aunt Mary[4].(18)

6-12 vii Moses[6], b. 1779.

6-13 viii Joseph[6], b. 1785.

6-14 ix Jonathan[6].

x John[6].

When Archelaus[4] died unmarried in 1786 he left most of his belongings to his nephews, Archelaus[5] (Joshua[4]), Jonathan[5] (Jonathan[4]) and Jonathan, Jr.[5] (John[4]). The only other recipients of Archelaus' estate were the children of his nephew Jonathan[5]. So in his will Archelaus left his 240 acres of land in Rochester, NH to his nephews Jonathan[5], Jonathan, Jr.[5], Archelaus[5] and to John, "son of his nephew Jonathan."(19)

*The History of Durham, NH* does not give a child named John as a son of this Jonathan[5] and I have never found him either. But I am certain he existed because of Archelaus' old will.(20) I have searched the probate records of Strafford County thoroughly and there is no trace of him; I believe I have seen all the land deeds of all John Woodmans in the Strafford County Register of Deeds.

Following is what I have found about John Woodmans I cannot identify:

1. In the Rockingham County Register of Deeds a John Woodman witnessed a land deed for Jonathan[5] (John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2]) on 21 Dec 1791. I don't know who this John could be, since John[4] died in 1777 while Jonathan, Jr.[5]'s son named John Smith Woodman was not born until 1787.(21)
2. In the Madbury, NH Vital Records a John Woodman married Hannah Bracey 22 Nov 1792; both were from Durham.(22)
3. In January of 1782 John of Barrington, NH bought eighty-one acres in Barrington, it being part of lot #133 in the 3rd range of lots.(23)
4. On 1 Nov 1793 John of Barrington sold seventy acres in Barrington, it being part of lot #133 in the 3rd range of lots. His wife Sarah signed the deed.(24)
5. The 1790 U.S. Census of New Hampshire lists a John of Barrington in a household with one male over sixteen and three females.

I have always supposed the John mentioned in the last three items is John Woodman of Barrington who married Sarah Foy of the same place on 6 Dec 1787.(25)

That John, born 30 Mar 1763, is said to be the son of Joseph and Bridget (Willey) Woodman. Appendix B of the book, *Mr. Joshua Woodman who went to Kingston, NH*, by J. H. Woodman has several generations of the descendants of this John.

It isn't clear who that Joseph was, but he is listed as the husband of Bridget Willey (dau. of Robert Willey), in the *History of Durham*.(26) There are two land deeds:

1. On 8 Feb 1762 Joseph of Dover, parish of Madbury, and Bridget sold their right in land which was formerly the estate of Robert Willey.(27)
2. On 10 Oct 1785 Joseph of Barrington, NH sold twenty acres in Barrington to Samuel Winkley and Bridget gave up her dower.(28)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 60, 395.

2. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 26.
3. State Archives Court Cases, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Dockets #25878, #28382.
4. Chandler E. Potter, *Military History of NH, 1623-1861,* Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, 1972, pp. 159, 165.
5. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 118-122.
6. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 127-130, 367.
7. A letter 27 Oct 1986 from Nancy Wall, Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049; letter 16 Feb 1987 from Charles Lorenzo Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH 03253.
8. *New Hampshire State Papers,* Vol. 39 (Probate Records, Vol. IX) pp. 222-6; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 60.
9. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 161, Vol. 2, p. 277.
10. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 12, p. 396; Vol. 17, pp. 62, 63; *Probate Records of Province of New Hampshire,* Vol. 4, 1750-1753, State Papers Series, Vol. 34, published by State of New Hampshire, 1933.
11. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 16, p. 146, 3:453; 16:147; 5:272; 14:286; 14:287; 6:302, 397; 7:283; 9:220; 10:349, 348; 12:396; 13:22, 221, 236; 14:473; 15:148; 30:198, 17, 62, 63; 20:495; 18:388; 53:210; 64:287; 64:290; 126:243 and Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, 141:257.
12. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 395; Cemetery records from Trustee of Trust Funds, Town of Durham, NH.
13. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 295; Cemetery records of Trustee of Trust Funds, Town of Durham; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 126, p. 243.
14. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 395. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 2, p. 277; New Hampshire Vital Records.
15. 1800, 1830, 1850 U.S. Census; Grafton Co., NH Probate Records, Woodsville, NH, 184:74.
16. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
17. Letters from Addie Woodman Berry, Northwood, NH, 28 Aug 1921; Elizabeth Jane Russell Sanborn, Rising City, NE, 3 and 8 Sep 1921; Mrs. Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, 7 Feb 1921; Freeman Woodman, Santa Ana, CA, 2 Aug and 15 Sep 1921.
18. Madbury, NH Vital Records, found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Probate Records Strafford Co., 1:244.
19. Strafford Co. Probate Records Vol. 2, p. 277.
20. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, p. 395.
21. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, 135:140.
22. Madbury, NH Vital Records found in the Cemetery Records at the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
23. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 17:47.
24. Ibid., 29:206.
25. Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
26. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. II, p. 386.
27. Land Deed, Province Papers of NH, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Vol. 99, p. 376 and Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, Vol. 99, p. 376.
28. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 292.

## Benjamin[5] (Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-19.** In his will, Benjamin's father, Jonathan[4], called him the youngest son. He was probably born in the 1740's on his father's one hundred acres of "burnt ground" in Durham, New Hampshire. By 1765 Benjamin was living in nearby Lee. That was the year he, with ninety-nine other men, petitioned the General Assembly to set off land from Durham to form the Parish of Lee. The petitioners pointed to the fact that many of the " . . . inhabitants live more than Eight miles from the Place of Publick Worship and where all Town meetings and the Publick of Affairs are holden and Transacted which Renders it very Difficult for them to Attend there at any time but more Expecially in the winter Season that the consequence thereof it is Probable will be that many of the Youth in said Town will be brought up in great ignorance . . . ."(1)

Benjamin was married by 1765 to Elizabeth, born 4 March 1744 in Durham, the daughter of Samuel Meader of Durham. Samuel Meader had two wives – Elizabeth and Mary; it is not clear which was Elizabeth's mother. It is said Samuel had the best farm in Durham and that he was a

Quaker who lost his standing among the "Friends" when he married out of the "Meeting."(2)

On 18 November 1767 Benjamin was sued in Inferior Court by Jeremiah Foulsom. That year in August, Benjamin had borrowed two pounds and nine pence and had never paid him back.(3)

In 1774 Elizabeth inherited from her father. In his will, Samuel Meader left "my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Woodman" twelve pounds ten shillings.(4)

Benjamin left Lee sometime after 1772(5) and was living in Canterbury, New Hampshire, by the time his father made his will in March 1776. Benjamin inherited fifty acres in Canterbury "on which he now dwells"; and the old man left one hundred acres in Canterbury to Benjamin's sons, Samuel and Timothy.(6)

About that same time Benjamin signed the Association Test, thus making his descendants eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution or Daughters of the American Revolution.(7) By 4 June 1783 Benjamin was dead and Elizabeth was married again.

On 14 April 1784, Samuel Morrison, Elizabeth's second husband, whom she married 4 June 1783, petitioned the Probate Court of Rockingham County to appoint Elizabeth's brother, Isaac Medar (sic) of Durham as administrator of Benjamin Woodman's estate. This petition mentioned Benjamin had four minor children, but did not name them.

A committee was appointed to take an inventory of poor Benjamin's estate:

| | L (pound) | S (shilling) | P (pence) |
|---|---|---|---|
| One calf | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Three sheep | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| 15 Pounds of feathers [?] | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| One Coverbead [a coverlet] | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Two Shets [sheets] | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Five Chairs | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Klittle [kettle] | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Wheel [spinning wheel] | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Puter [pewter] | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Chest | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | L 3 | S 5 | |

Against this L3, 5 shillings estate were claims of L7, 3 pence. The "doctors bill for last sickness" was 19 shillings and the funeral charges were 13 shillings.(8)

Elizabeth's second husband, Samuel Morrison, with whom she had one child, died 9 April 1787. She married for her third husband Josiah Emery[6] 13 October 1791. Josiah[6] (Moses[5], John[4-3-2], Edward[1]) was born 17 May 1747. Elizabeth died 21 March 1817.(9)

*Benjamin's children:*

**6-15** i Hannah[6], b. 3 Feb 1766 or 1767.

ii Samuel[6], was born 30 Jun 1771 in Lee. Samuel's grandfather, Jonathan[4], made a will leaving one hundred acres in Canterbury to Samuel and his brother Timothy.(10) (Written in *The History of Canterbury, NH,* Vol. I, p. 437, is the following confusing report: "#34 Buildings gone. Lot 51 laid out to the right of Jonathan Woodman's one-hundred acres, second division. It is a tradition that this proprietor settled here and that he died and is buried on the farm. The original buildings were in the field, some 50 rods from the site now at 35. Samuel Woodman was the next occupant, probably the son of Jonathan. Samuel's son, Benjamin, deeded the place to Eliphalet Brown, January 9, 1973.")

Researchers have long been baffled by that report from Canterbury. Samuel's grandfather, Jonathan[4], was a proprietor in Canterbury, but he never lived there – nor did he die there. The report is also in error to call "Samuel" the son of Jonathan and "Benjamin" the son of Samuel. Samuel's birth record is included in the vital records of Tamworth, New Hampshire. It is likely his mother's brother, who was town clerk there for forty years, felt a need to record his birth. It is also possible some of Benjamin's children went to Tamworth after his death and were cared for by their uncle.

On 9 January 1793, Samuel sold fifty acres of land in Canterbury to Eliphalet Brown for sixty pounds. The deed describes the land, " . . . the Lot on which my late hon[d] Father Benjamin Woodman deceased formerly dwelt . . . ."(11) Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought this Samuel married Elizabeth Allen at Durham 6 June 1796, but I have no such information and know nothing more about him.

iii Timothy[6], was born 13 Apr 1773 in Lee.(12) He inherited fifty acres in Canterbury from his grandfather, Jonathan.[4] Timothy was living in Tamworth, when he sold those fifty acres to Eliphalet Brown 16 Apr 1794. The land was described as part of lot fifty-one drawn to the original right of Jonathan Woodman " . . . and is the Lot on which my late hon[d] Father Benjamin Woodman deceased formerly dwelt . . . ."(13)

In April of the preceding year, Timothy had purchased lot six in the 5th range of one-hundred-acre lots in Tamworth, NH. Timothy Meeder (sic) (who was likely Timothy's uncle), witnessed the deed.(14) By April of 1822, Timothy, called a yeoman, began mortgaging then selling off parts of lot six. None of the deeds list a wife giving up her dower. By 1827 the Tamworth land was gone.(15)

On 16 Mar 1828, a Timothy Woodman and Charity Berry, both of Barrington, New Hampshire, were married. If that is our Timothy, he would have been fifty-five years old at the time. There are no Timothys listed in the U.S. New Hampshire Census records until 1830. That year a Timothy (between the age of 40-50) lived in Barrington with a female aged 30-40. In the 1840 and 1850 Census, a Timothy lived in Barrington. This latter lists him as 78 years old and living alone.(16)

**6-16** iv Benjamin[6], b. 14 Apr 1778.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. I, pp. 23-24.
2. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 277, 393; Granville Meader, *John Meader of Piscataqua, His Ancestors and Descendants,* Vol. I 1540-1800; a Meader Family Assn. Publication; Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, 1975, pp. 17, 44.
3. State Archive Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Docket #2891.
4. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 40.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 7, p. 94; State Archive Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Docket #19822.
6. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 161.
7. Batchellor, *State Papers of New Hampshire,* Revolutionary Documents, Vol. XXX, 1910, p. 25.
8. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Docket #5001.
9. *John Meader of Piscataqua,* p. 44; James Otis Lyford *History of the Town of Canterbury, NH, 1727-1912,* 1912, p. 113.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 161.
11. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 142, p. 59.
12. New Hampshire Vital Records.
13. Strafford Co. Probate, Vol. 1, p. 161; Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 141, p. 379.
14. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 18, p. 179.
15. Ibid., 113:311, 115:438, 120:345-346, 125:115, 132:143.
16. New Hampshire Vital Records.

## Joshua[5] (Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-20.** He was born 11 June 1736 in that part of Durham, New Hampshire which was set off and called Lee in 1766. His father's will called him the eldest son.(1)

Sometime before 26 August 1756, Joshua, Jr. married Lois Woodman, who was born in Maine, 22 January 1736. There is no record of who her parents were, but she could have been the granddaughter of John Woodman, the ferryman at Kittery, Maine. In 1746 the estate of the ferryman's son, John, Jr., was divided among his children. One of his minor children was Lois who, on 8 April

of that year, was appointed a guardian.(2) (There is no record this John Woodman was related to Captain John's family.)

In 1762 Joshua, Jr., and his father, Joshua, were obligated by the courts to give a surety bond of 500 pounds to insure support of the love child of Joshua, Jr.'s brother, Archelaus, and Elizabeth Langley; there is no record they were ever required to pay.(3)

Joshua had married young, perhaps as early as eighteen or nineteen, and by November 1762 – in the space of about seven years – Joshua had four small children and another on the way, and he may have been very pressed for money. That month he borrowed 180 pounds, three shillings, ten pence in old tenor money from Thomas Tash, promising to pay it back on demand at fifteen percent interest. He was unable to pay and was sued.

From the time of that first lawsuit for nonpayment of a loan in 1763, to February 1770, Joshua had borrowed money and been sued eight times. He had even been sued by his cousin John, Jr. from whom he had borrowed fifty-two pounds, ten shillings. By 1765 he was promising to pay "with merchantable white pine boards at the Lamperal [sic] River Landing Place" instead of money.

Although there is no record of how Joshua acquired this land, on 29 July 1765 he sold sixteen acres where he was living between the Little River and North River in what is now Lee. But his financial difficulties continued.

In May of 1767 Jeremiah Folsom, Jr., likely a merchant, sued him for goods Joshua had purchased the prior year. Joshua had charged:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To 1 Gall. Rum | 6/00 | £ 0.6.0 |
| To 1 pair compasses | 10 4/5 | 10 4/5 |
| To 1 Doz. Quart Bottles | 6 / | 0.6.0 |
| To 1 Sett Cart Boxes | 13 / | 0.13.0 |
| lawfull money | | £ 1.5.10 4/5 |

In February 1770 William Odiorne, a merchant (who if nothing else, was patient), sued Joshua for goods he had charged back in 1755 and 1756. Most of the writing is illegible but of the 14 items listed, Joshua purchased:

| | |
|---|---|
| To 1 pare gloves | To ___ Mohare |
| To 1 yd. muslin | To Qt. Rum |
| To 5 yd Stuff [a type of cloth] | To ___ Lager |
| To 1 Qt. Rum | To Qt. Ditto |
| To pare buckels [pair buckles] | |

If I read the case correctly, Mr. Odiorne had given Joshua credit through the years for the following items: 6 bu. potatoes, haling (hauling) planks, haling lumber, cord wood.(4) Perhaps Joshua might have had trouble paying his bills because he spent his money on rum.

Joshua was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He might also have fought in the French and Indian Wars. Chandler Potter, in his *Military History of New Hampshire, 1623-1861,* lists a Joshua who served from 28 April 1758 to 1 November 1758 in the Crown Point expedition commanded by Col. John Hart of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. A Joshua also served in the invasion of Canada in 1760 under Col. John Gaffe's command from 13 March 1760 to 27 November 1760.

The only other Joshua I know who was young and living in New Hampshire at that time was from Kingston, New Hampshire. He too was born in 1736 and was a son of Joshua[4] (Archelaus[3], Edward[2-1]). Those Joshuas of Kingston also signed the Association Test 23 September 1776.

*The History of Durham, New Hampshire,* Vol. I, lists men of Lee and Durham who served in the Revolution. It records Joshua with the rank of sgt., but an excerpt from the Revolutionary pension record of Joshua's cousin, David[5] of Tamworth, New Hampshire, (Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]) is as follows: "In September 1776 I enlisted in the town of Lee and joined the Company under the command of Lieut. Joshua Woodman at New Market [sic] from there we marched

to Mistick and did duty at Winter hill. The last of March 1777 was discharged after serving I think 10 or 12 days over six months. The company belonged to Poor's Regiment – soon after arriving at Mistick Captain Benjamin Folsom commanded the company."

Potter's *Military History* lists Captain Joshua in Col. David Reynolds' (Runnels) 2nd Company, serving in New York and at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Joshua's military record from the National Archives is a disappointment. It says Captain Joshua of Lee served in Col. Reynolds' Regiment of New Hampshire Militia from 11 July to 25 November, but the copyist failed to add the year. For the remainder of his life, Joshua was often called "Captain" and his grave is marked by the D.A.R.(5)

Joshua may have been away fighting in the Revolution when his father died in 1778. From the will, Joshua inherited twenty pounds and his father's clothing. The will also gave Joshua "all the rest of my lands and tenements not herein given and disposed of," but the old man's inventory lists only 120 acres which was about the size of the homestead on the Lamprey River which was given to Joshua's brother, Archelaus. It isn't clear why his brother Archelaus inherited land which he eventually sold for 653 pounds, while Joshua got only twenty pounds and some clothes.(6)

On 12 June 1780 Joshua sold five acres on the east side of the North River in Lee, and returned to the Army for at least part of 1781. Maybe he didn't return to Lee after the British surrendered at Yorktown. Perhaps he took Lois and his children (by now there were ten) and went right on to Meredith, New Hampshire, where he is listed as living in May 1785. The next month he sold his remaining six five-acre lots in Lee.(7)

Altogether Joshua bought about 123 acres in Meredith. He also bought land in Gilmonton, New Hampshire, but there is no evidence he ever lived there. While in Meredith he served as a constable and the tax collector, and was sometimes referred to as "Captain."(8)

Lois gave up her dower when on 10 September 1793 Joshua sold all of his land in Meredith and Gilmanton.(9) By 1794 they were in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where they were to spend the remainder of their lives.

Lois died in 1820 at the age of eighty-four; Joshua lived to the age of ninety-one, dying in 1827. They are buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton.(10)

*Joshua's children:*(11)

i Elizabeth[6], b. 26 Aug 1756; married Thomas Crosby; died in Gilford, NH, 16 Jun 1852, aged ninety-six years.

ii Mary[6] (Molly), born 1 Sep 1758; married Phinehas Sanborn of Sanbornton; died 20 Dec 1834, aged seventy-six years, four months. He was born 28 Dec 1756; died 12 Jan 1835, the son of Joshua and Abial Sanborn. Mary inherited her grandfather's (Joshua[4]) bed with bolster, two pillows, two good sheets and a white rug. They had no children.(12)

**6-17** iii Andrew[6], b. 29 Mar 1760.

**6-18** iv Elsie[6], b. 19 Apr 1762.

**6-19** v Joshua[6], b. 8 Mar 1764.

vi Deborah[6], b. 13 Feb 1767; m. Stephen Mead of Meredith; d. 4 Nov 1846 in her 80th year.

**6-20** vii John[6], b. 1 Feb 1769.

**6-21** viii Ezra[6], b. 8 Apr 1771.

ix Asa[6], b. 16 Jul 1773; d. 1 May 1781.

**6-22** x Lois[6], b. 13 Sep 1775; m. William Sanborn.

xi Stephen[6], b. 8 May 1778; d. 8 Dec 1780.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 395; Rev. M. T. Runnels, *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II – *Genealogies*, Boston, MA, Alfred Mudge & Son, 34 School St., 1881, p. 860.
2. Ibid.; Probate Records of York Co., Alfred, ME, Docket #20753, #20761.
3. State Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Docket #24874.
4. Ibid., Dockets 4995, 27455, 8030, 3773, 6255, 21548, 2890, 1551; Vol. 79, p. 72.
5. Potter's *Military History of New Hampshire,* pp. 198, 221, 233, 364; Military Records of Joshua and his cousin, David Woodman, Military Archives; David's military pension record, New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; DAR marker on Joshua's grave; Frank H. Kelley, *Reminiscences of New Hanpton, NH,* printed by Charles Hamilton, Worcester, MA, MDCCCLXXXIX, p. 59.
6. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. I, pp. 327, 373.
7. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 7, pp. 105, 106; Vol. 17, p. 134. Belknap Co., NH was formed in 1840 from part of Strafford Co. (This last deed is listed in Belknap Co. as Vol. 2, p. 247.)
8. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 17, pp. 130, 131, 132, 134; Vol. 11, p. 48; Vol. 15, p. 324; Vol. 16, p. 326; (Belknap Co. Vol. 1, p. 544; Vol. 2, pp. 168, 213, 246, 247).
9. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 17, p. 133 (Belknap Co., Vol. 2, p. 247).
10. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. I, p. 457; Cemetery records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; *Dover Gazette,* 4 Sep 1827.
11. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, pp. 860, 861; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 395.
12. Strafford Co. Probate Record, Vol. I, p. 327; *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, pp. 625, 626.

## Archelaus[5] (Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-21.** Archelaus was probably born 18 August 1737 in his father's old garrison house in Durham, New Hampshire. This son of Joshua was called "Archelaus, Jr." most of his life because his Uncle Archelaus, who was older and never had children at all, also lived in Durham.(1)

On the 7th day of April 1762, Elizabeth Langley, a single woman, appeared before the justice of the peace. She was pregnant, she said, and proceeded to tell the court her sad story. This is the judge's report: (The left edge of the old paper is quite frayed. A '___' indicates a word or part of a word is missing.)

> Sum Time in or about the month of '___er' Last past she being at her father John Langleys '___n' Durham aforeSaid where she then lived . . . '__us' Woodman junr of Durham afore Said Labourer being '___' the afore Said John Langleys house through wheedling '___ promises of marriage had Karnal Knowledge of her '____' She this Examinent is now with child which when born will be a bastard and this Examinent sayeth that no other man be Sides the said Archelaus junr. had any Karnal Knowledge of her body and the Said Archelaus is the father of the said child . . . '___' fore She the Said Elizabeth Desires process may be '___'inst him' . . . .

A warrant was issued for Archelaus' arrest that same day and he was brought before the court 9 April. That day the justice of the peace ordered all protagonists to appear in court on the second Tuesday of June. Archelaus' father Joshua and his brother Joshua, Jr. as sureties, were required to put up 250 pounds.

There is no record of the June appearance, but on 17 September 1762 Joshua and Joshua, Jr., were bound by the court for 500 pounds of new tenor money to ensure that Archelaus would fulfill his obligation to Elizabeth "for the maintenance of a bastard child born of her body on the Sixth of August last." The court ordered Archelaus to pay twelve shillings and six pence new tenor money per week for support of the child, to be paid at the end of every thirteen weeks. Nothing more is known of the child – not its gender, name, nor if it lived to adulthood.(2)

There is no date of Archelaus' marriage to Sarah Joy, but they had wed by 20 December 1762, on which date Sarah and Archelaus, Jr. sold all of her right "unto the Real Estate of Sam[1] Joy late of sd Durham Decd which was the father of sd. Sarah." Her mother was Mary (Burley).(3)

Archelaus appeared before the court again in May of 1768 under less unflattering circumstances. He was attempting to collect money he had loaned Samuel J. Stevens.(4)

Archelaus was a lieutenant of the New Hampshire Militia in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War. He served in Captain Alpheus Chesley's Company at Seavey's Island (Seavey's Island is located at the mouth of the Piscataqua River where it pours into the Atlantic Ocean) and his returns are dated 5 November 1775 to December 1775. Then Archelaus joined Major Burnham's 17th Company called to serve at Winter Hill, Charlestown. The *History of Durham, I* refers to him as "Captain," but his military record calls him a lieutenant. Perhaps he was appointed to the higher rank in the local militia.(5)

Archelaus and Sarah had probably lived in his father's garrison house for a number of years before his father's death around 1778. When his father, Joshua, made his will in 1770, he and his wife, Rachel, were already occupying only the south end of the house.(6)

Archelaus, being executor of his father's estate, was charged with providing food for his stepmother Rachel and caring for her animals. The important item he inherited from his father was land.(7)

By May of 1783 Archelaus began selling the land. On 13 May he sold twenty acres; six days later he sold five acres more. In August of that year he mortgaged thirty acres. He continued to mortgage and sell small pieces until in April 1786, Archelaus sold the last remaining seventy acres, "excepting two rods square of a burying place."(8) (There is no cemetery on that place now. In 1921 Col. Griffiths wrote that a later owner plowed up the fieldstone markers and threw them by the fence.)

In 1787 Archelaus, with his cousins Jonathan, Jonathan, Jr., and John inherited 240 acres in Rochester, New Hampshire from their Uncle Archelaus[4], but it brought them nothing for it had to be sold to settle the uncle's debts. They also inherited their uncle's farm animals and equipment, but it would have amounted to little.(9)

On 4 September 1788 Archelaus bought about one hundred acres in Middleton, New Hampshire, for which he paid 110 pounds. He was listed there in the 1790 U.S. Census with a household of two males sixteen and up, two males under ten and four females.

In 1794 he sold fifty acres of that land to his son Jacob for one hundred pounds; in 1797 he sold the other half for $500.00 with his wife Sarah giving up her dower (the only one of his deeds in which a wife was mentioned). By September of 1805, Archelaus was a trader with a store in Middleton. In 1806 Archelaus mortgaged the store to cover the cost of two bail bonds "for the liberation of the Woodman from the Jaol [sic] in Dover."(10)

The last record of Archelaus is 9 May 1807 when he sold what seems to be his last one-fourth acre of land in Middleton. There is no record of his death. Middleton has many small family graveyards but the town does not list his name in any of them. He is said to have perhaps married Sarah Downer after the Revolution, but I have not found the evidence.

Perhaps because of Archelaus' seemingly endless financial difficulties, perhaps because all their ancestral lands had been sold, Archelaus' family became fragmented. His sons were the first descendants of Captain John to leave Durham in major moves that took them out of New Hampshire and out of New England forever.

*Archelaus' children:*

i Jacob[6], b. 27 Jul 1766, m. Mary Chesley and went to Nova Scotia. Lorna Evans of Nova Scotia has extensive records of all this family.

ii Moses[6], b. 1769. Moses was born about 1769. There are no records in Strafford County of his having ever owned land. *The History of Durham, NH,* lists a Susanna Langley, b. 22 May 1766, who m. a Woodman. Susanna would have been about the right age to have m. Moses, but the

book does not have this Woodman man's first name.

It is said Moses moved with his family to Minnesota before 1820. Moses' nephew Archelaus[7] wrote, "My Uncle Moses moved West with his family and with his own team. I cannot say what state. I saw in a letter from him many years since he was where he could shoot wild turkeys and bricks were dug up many feet below the surface of the earth." In a letter to his daughter, this same Archelaus[7] wrote that Moses went to Minnesota.(11)

In 1921 the Minnesota Historical Society wrote, "In 1831, Minnesota was a territory that contained only a handful of fur traders and missionaries and almost no other settlers."

**6-23** iii Elijah[6], b. 11 May 1771.

iv Daughter[6].

v Daughter[6].

On 1 January 1866, Archelaus[7] (age seventy-seven), a son of Jacob[6] and grandson of Archelaus[5], wrote, "There were two sisters. One married a lawyer and settled in Castine, Maine. I have lost the name. The other married, Pike, a farmer settled in Middleton, NH where I made them a visit in 1831. At that time one of their daughter's husband was a sheriff and lived in the gaol at Dover. Their other children were settled near home. The information I can give is very meagre."(12)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 393, 395.
2. State Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Docket #24874.
3. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 236; Helen Bourne Joy Lee, *The Joy Genealogy,* Essex, Conn., The Pequot Press, Inc., pp. 56, 62, 73; Supplement to Joy Genealogy, p. 17; Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, Vol. 85, p. 176.
4. State Archives Court Case, Docket #6253.
5. Archelaus' military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC; *Military History of New Hampshire 1623–1860,* pp. 274, 279; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 131-133, 150.
6. Strafford Co. Probate, 1:327.
7. Ibid., 1:373.
8. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 5:411, 412, 168; 6:76, 121, 237; 7:161.
9. Strafford Co. Probate, 2:277.
10. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 9:515; 18:203; 27:199; 48:498; 49:494; 50:510, 511; 53:462, 465.
11. A letter to Cyrus Woodman from Archelaus[7] Woodman, Clementsport, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia, 24 Mar 1886; A letter from Mrs. H. S. Viets, 234 Gold St., Boston, Mass., 12 Mar 1885.
12. A letter to Cyrus Woodman from Archelaus[7] Woodman, Clementsport, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia 1 Jan 1886.

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James Richard Joy, *Thomas Joy and His Descendants,* New York, MDCCCC. Printed for the Family, pp. 35-37.
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## Elizabeth[5] (Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-22.** Elizabeth married _____ Burleigh. She died before 29 March 1770. Her children listed in her father's will.

*Elizabeth's children (named Burleigh):*(1)

i Mary[6].

ii Susanna[6].

iii Hannah[6].

Note:

1. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dover, NH, 1:32.

## John[5] (Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-23.** John was born 18 September 1742(1) in that part of Durham, New Hampshire which was set off into a separate township called Lee on 16 January 1766.(2)

The first public records of John are from court records concerning some of his troubles. On 15 August 1763 John, Jr. (although he was the son of Edward[4], John was called "Jr." because his Uncle John[4] was older and living in Durham) and his cousin Joshua, Jr. were ordered to appear in Inferior Court where they were charged with the failure to pay 140 pounds they had borrowed from Jonathan Moulton at fifteen percent interest per year.(3)

Seventeen hundred sixty-five was not a good year for John, for on the 7th day of May, John, with his minor brothers Samuel and Edward, Jr., and three other boys from the neighborhood appeared before the Justice of the Peace. Bonds were set for each and they promised to appear in the next quarter session of court to "make answer unto all Such matter and things as Shall then and there be Objected against him by Samuel Dula of Durham yeoman and Mary Dula of Durham Single woman and Spinster in his majesties Behalf for and Concerning the breach of the peace and Committing of a Riot."(4)

By 30 October of that year John sued his cousin Joshua, Jr. claiming that on 2 April of 1764, with a signed note, Joshua, Jr. had borrowed 52 pounds, ten shillings at 15 percent interest " . . . yet the Deft. tho Requested hath not paid the Same Sum nor the Interest thereof but neglects it."(5)

Then in November 1766 Elijah Denbo charged that on 10 November John of Lee "with force and Arms viz with Swords axes clubs and fists did assault beat wound and Evilly Treat the said Denbo who was then and there in the Kings peace and did then and there Strike at and upon the said Denbo by means whereof the said Denbo was wounded and his Life Despaired of and other Enormities . . . ." The court found John guilty and fined him four shillings and the cost of prosecution.(6)

By 18 June 1770 John was living in Rochester, New Hampshire. On that day he and his brother Edward, Jr. of Lee sold sixty-three acres of land in Rochester which was originally drawn to the right of their mother's father John Doe, land which their parents had inherited in 1742; their brother Samuel witnessed the deed.(7)

In 1775 John served from four to six weeks as a Corporal in the Revolutionary War. He was in Captain Place's Company down on Seavey's Island located at the mouth of the Piscataqua River in the harbor of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In 1776, in Rochester, New Hampshire, John did something considered equally patriotic. He signed something called the Association Test.(8)

The inhabitants of New Hampshire were a diverse lot. Some were fiercely loyal to England while others chaffed under the yoke England pressed upon their necks. So on 14 March 1776 the Continental Congress directed the states to test their citizens for loyalty to this new country and the Revolutionary cause. The New Hampshire Committee of Safety wrote the following which came to be known as the Association Test:

> We, the Subscribers, do hereby solemnly engage, and promise, that we will, to the utmost of our Power at the Risque of our Lives and Fortunes, with Arms, oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American Colonies.

In April it was sent out to the towns for all males over twenty-one years of age, "lunatics and idiots excepted," to sign.

Of the 82,000 people living in 155 New Hampshire towns in 1776, 9,348 white males were

eligible to sign; 8,567 of them did so. Most of those 9,348 were yeomen (small farmers) who had difficulty making a living for their generally large families. Most of the inhabitants of New Hampshire in 1776 – not just the farmers – had almost no, if any, education and they were struggling. In 1776 it was the poor, the powerless, the disgruntled, those people hoping to better themselves, and those special few individuals endowed with great visions for this new country who were the ones to sign.

Large landowners, wealthy businessmen, and those holding high offices in the government were generally loyal to England. A small number (generally Quakers) refused to sign because of religious beliefs.

A number of signers of the Test never fought as a soldier in the Revolution, but their signing is viewed as such an outstanding act of patriotism, all their descendants are eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution.(9)

John's father, Edward[4], died in 1776 and his will directed his son, Samuel, to give his title to all the land in Rochester to his brother John, "it being the lot on part of which his brother (John) now lives." John also inherited eighty acres from the grant given Edward[4] by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, "which grant is paid out a little ways above the township of Lebanon in said colony and near Salmon Fall River."(10)

John's brother Samuel quickly complied with the terms of their father's will and 6 July 1776 deeded to John all his right in the Rochester lot. Three months later John added to his holdings in Rochester by purchasing land from Elizabeth Pollick. His brothers Samuel and Edward were witnesses.(11)

It isn't clear when John married nor is the bride's last name known, but on 4 March 1778 Anna gave up her dower when John sold "90 acres in a second division lot in Rochester originally John Doe's (John's grandfather) and being the lot whereon I now live . . . and is the whole interest I owned in said lot."(12)

The eighty acres John inherited from his father Edward[4] was part of a 500-acre grant of land which was mentioned in Edward's[4] will and was given to Edward[4] 9 June 1766 by the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It was in Maine and was called Fox's Ridge, and was probably located only about fifteen miles from Rochester where John lived. The land was annexed 5 March 1785 to Lebanon, Maine; 14 February 1793 it was annexed to that part of Shapleigh, Maine which is now called Acton, Maine.(13)

John is said to have gone to that grant in March of 1779 and that he came from Farmington, New Hampshire which was a part of Rochester, New Hampshire until 1798. There he operated a "rude" handmill, grinding corn for the community. It was a mill that turned by hand, and was said to be similar to those "used by Jews in olden times."(14)

By June of 1780 John and his brothers Edward, David and Ebenezer (all said to be of Lee, NH) sold seventy acres " . . . being part of the grant obtained by our hon[d] (honored) father Edward Woodman from the court of the Massachusetts . . . ." Having done that, they divided the remainder of the 500-acre grant among themselves.(15)

John's first wife Anna must have died, for 18 July 1787, John of Shapleigh, Maine sold twenty acres and a grist mill by the Salmon Falls River, called part of the Woodman grant; his wife T_____ gave up her dower. In 1795 John sold land in Shapleigh to Paul Woodman. A Tamson Woodman witnessed the deed, but she was not called John's wife.(16)

In 1790 John was a farmer in Shapleigh living in a household of one male over 16, two males under 16 and seven females. In 1800 his household consisted of two males under 10, two males 16-26, one male over 45, three females 16-26 and a female over 45. By 1810 John's family had decreased to one male 26-45, one male over 45, one female 10-16, three females 16-26, one female over 45.(17)

The U.S. Census does not list John in Shapleigh after 1820 when he had a household with one male over 45, two females 16-26 and two females over 45. On 8 October of that year John and John, Jr.[6], both of Shapleigh, and John's son Paul[6] of Acton, New Hampshire traded dollars with Thomas Lindsey by selling their forty acres in Shapleigh for Lindsey's lot #4 in Alton, New Hampshire. A wife of John, again called Anna, signed the deed.(18)

Now, they all seem to have moved to Alton, New Hampshire (a distance of maybe twenty-five to thirty miles). In 1821 John of Alton mortgaged 100 acres of lot #4 in the north range of great lot #13 to Nathaniel Watson and promised to hold Watson harmless against a certain note John and Paul Woodman and Watson signed.

In May of 1823 John and John, Jr. of Alton mortgaged 100 acres, part of lot #13, 3rd range, lot #4 where they lived, to Joseph Buzzell. Uriel was a witness. By November of that year John and John, Jr. of Alton sold 100 acres of lot #4, a subdivision of large lot #13. Except for a couple of lawsuits in 1823 in which John and men who were surely his sons were involved, little else is known about John.(19)

He may have lived to the age of Methuselah! John and a wife are surely the 1 male and 1 female between the age of 90 and 100 living in their son Paul's household in 1830 in Alton,(20) and that is the last trace of him.

Finding John's children has been a problem. In 1910 Hattie Belle Woodman[9], who was born in 1865, and the daughter of Elijah Manley Woodman[8], wrote a letter in which she told what she and her father knew about her great-grandfather, John[6] and his brothers and sisters. These, of course, would be the children of John[5]. Hattie Belle wrote, "Elijah Manley Woodman's father's name was Elijah. He was born in Shapleigh, Maine and married Martha J. Grant, and his father's name was John Woodman and I think he was born in Shapleigh, Maine. He had two brothers that settled near Winnipiseogee [sic] Lake." (Hattie surely means Winnipesaukee.) "Do not remember the town," she continued, "but think it was Center Harbor. The name of one was Paul and one was Uriel. John married a Tibbetts. He had sisters, one was Lois. She married a Benjamin Miller and one of her sons was named Woodman Miller. Another sister, Anne, married a Prescott and lived in Shapleigh, Maine . . . ," Hattie Belle concluded.

Paul[6] was John's son and I think John, Jr. was also. The three sold land to each other, and together, they sold land to others. They all moved to Alton about the same time.

To determine John's list of children, I have used names from the marriage records of Gertrude E. Hall's book, *The Families of Shapleigh, ME,* although, except for Lois, she does not say they are John's children. I have also used the 1910 letter from Hattie Belle Woodman whose father was Elijah Manley Woodman. If my calculations are correct, John, Jr.[6] was her great-grandfather. Some of Hattie Belle's information is the same as that of Gertrude Hall.

This is a poor practice but it will allow others to take up a search with <u>some</u> information while before they perhaps had none.

*John's children were maybe:*(21)

i Pattey (Martha)[6], m. Daniel Grant, m. intentions 30 May 1795; both of Shapleigh.

**6-24** ii Paul[6], b. about 1771 in NH. (The Wentworth Family Genealogy gives his birth as 21 December 1770.)

iii Molly[6], filed intentions with Mark Miller of Rochester, NH 22 Jul 1797. They m. 7 Aug 1797.

iv Tamson[6], filed m. intentions with Betholey (sic) Miller of Rochester 9 Nov 1799; certificate granted 25 Nov 1799; they m. 13 Dec 1799.

**6-25** v John, Jr.[6], b. about 1778 in NH.

**6-26** vi Lois[6], b. about 1774.

vii Anna[6], b. about 1782. On 10 Oct 1921 Hattie Belle Woodman wrote that her father remembered " . . . Ann who m. a Prescott and had no children . . . Ann and Lois [Ann's sister Lois[6]] became widows and both lived with [Lois[6]'s son] Woodman [Miller] in Shapleigh." Sure enough, the 1850 Census lists Anna Prescott, 78, b. ME and Lois Miller, 76 b. ME living in the household of Benjamin Miller in Action, ME.

While the following proves nothing, there is in the York Co., ME Reg. of Deeds, a land deed of Jonathan Prescott of Acton, yeoman and Anna Prescott, his wife, to Jonathan Fox; one-half land in Acton on road from Melton Mills to Lebanon 15 Sep 1831.(22) It is said Anna had no children.

viii Uriel[6] was b. about 1786.(23) He was living in Farmington, NH when he m. Hannah Watson on 13 Oct 1811. Hannah was the dau. of Nathaniel Watson of Farmington.(24)

On 25 Mar 1814 Uriel and Hannah sold her right in ten acres of land in Farmington which she got from her father. Eleven months later Uriel now of Alton, NH, mortgaged seventy acres of land there for $200.00.(25)

In 1830 Uriel was in Alton with a household of one male 5-10, one male 15-20, one male 30-40, one female 5-10, one female 10-15, one female 15-20 and one female 30-40. In 1840 there was one male 15-20, one male 50-60, two females 20-30 and one female 40-50. Uriel was still in Alton in 1850 and was listed as "Uriah," 64, farmer, b. ME, Hannah, 56, b. ME, and John, 26, b. ME. Nothing more is known about Uriel.(26)

There is nothing in this information to prove Uriel was a son of John. The fact that he was in Farmington, NH and moved over to Alton could be purely coincidental.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 394; a family record sent by Lewis[8] in 1906 (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]) who lived in Archer, IA; Rev. Elliott C. Cogswell, *History of Nottingham, Deerfield & Northwood, NH,* 1878, p. 507.
2. *History of Durham*, Vol. I, p. 22.
3. State Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Docket #4995.
4. Ibid., Docket #12491.
5. Ibid., #6255.
6. Ibid., #8102.
7. Strafford Co., Dover, NH Reg. of Deeds, 3:54.
8. John's Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC; Franklin McDuffie, *History of Rochester 1722-1890,* Vol. I, pp. 59, 61; Nathaniel Bouton, *State of NH State Papers, Documents and Records 1776-1783,* Vol. III, p. 274.
9. Richard Frances Upton, *Revolutionary New Hampshire,* Kinnikat Press, Port Washington, NY/London.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 1:145.
11. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 2:249, 3:157.
12. Ibid., 3:158.
13. Gertrude E. Hall, *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine*: An undated manuscript at Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, ME; George W. Chamberlain, *Soldiers of The American Revolution of Lebanon, ME and The Beginnings of Lebanon,* orig. published 1936, p. 17.
14. *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine*; Mitchell and Davis, *The Town Register of Acton, Maine,* p. 79.
15. York Co., Alfred, ME Reg. of Deeds, 50:234, 51:76, 53:195, 66:72.
16. Ibid., 52:145, 63:44.
17. U.S. Census.
18. York Co. Reg. of Deeds 106:78 and Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds 112:330. This last Deed is also Belknap Co., NH 9:381.
19. Superior Court of Judicature, Clerk of Court Office, Strafford Co., Dover, NH 18:18, 18:202. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds 111:504, 116:409, 119:126.
20. 1830 U.S. Census.
21. *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine*; Letter from Hattie Belle Woodman[9], Methuen, MA, 11 Dec 1910.
22. Ibid., 142:131.
23. 1850 U.S. Census; Hattie Belle's letter of 11 Dec 1910, Methuen, MA.
24. Rochester, NH Marriages, *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* 5:146.
25. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds 115:264, 83:319.
26. 1850 U.S. Census.

**Edward[5] (Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**5-24.** Edward was born 3 May 1746, probably in the part of Durham, New Hampshire set off in 1766 and was called Lee. He was baptized with his brother, Samuel, in the First Church of Dover 14 September 1752.(1)

At the age of nineteen, Edward, Jr., and his brothers Samuel and John, with several other young men of the neighborhood were brought before the Justice of the Peace. Samuel and Mary Dula of Durham had charged that the boys had "breached their peace and committed a riot." Men in the neighborhood put up a 150-pound surety bond for Edward and Samuel (called minor sons of Edward of Lee). There are no details in the file telling of the outcome.(2)

In 1770 and again in 1772, Edward (called Jr.) sold land in Rochester which was drawn "to the original right of John Doe" – land Edward had inherited from his grandfather Doe. On 2 June 1772 Edward bought thirty-four acres in Lee.(3)

Edward was a private in the Revolutionary War. He served in Captain Smith Emerson's Company on Seavey's island which is located at the mouth of the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine. It is said this company was enlisted in October, 1775, and served in Col. Wingate's Regiment. The Return Card from Edward's military record is dated 5 November 1775.(4)

When his father died early in the summer of 1776, Edward, with his brothers David and Ebenezer, inherited 420 acres of the land grant over near the Salmon Falls River in Maine which Edward[4] got from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1766. This land was annexed to Lebanon, Maine, in 1785; in 1793 it was set off to Shapleigh (now Acton), Maine. It was called Fox's Ridge.(5)

Edward must have married about the time his father died. Her name was Mary, but her last name is unknown. Less than a month after Edward's father died – appropriately on the 4th of July – Edward signed the Association Test at Lee, thus making all of his descendants eligible for membership in S.A.R. and the D.A.R.(6)

In 1776 and again in 1779 Edward bought land in Rochester, New Hampshire, this last from his brother David – "land of which John Doe was the original proprietor." But there is no evidence Edward ever lived anyplace except on the old farm in Lee. In fact, 20 January 1777 he bought twelve more acres in Lee.(7)

On 17 June 1780, Edward and his brothers John, David and Ebenezer divided the land over in Maine adjoining the Salmon Falls River which was "Obtained by Our Hon[d] Father Edward Woodman Deceased."(8)

Edward's brother Samuel, who had inherited their father's home farm in Lee, had moved to Deerfield, New Hampshire, by 23 January 1786 and Edward bought 52-1/2 acres of it from Samuel for two hundred two pounds, ten shillings; on 16 April 1787, Edward added six more acres. In 1788 he sold all of his right in the Woodman Grant in Shapleigh, Maine, to his brother, David.(9)

By early 1789, Edward was sick enough to think it prudent to make his will.

> IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN this twenty sixth day of February Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine. I Edward Woodman of Lee in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire yeoman being weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be given to GOD, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die. Do make and ordain this my last will and testament— That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul to GOD who gave it to me and my body to decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named, nothing doubting [sic], but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the Almighty Power of GOD, and as to such worldly estate wherewith GOD hath blessed me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following—
>
> Imprimis my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my executrix.

> Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Mary Woodman, all my real and personal estate during her remaining my widow as to the household furniture I give to my said wife for her to dispose of as she may think best—
> Item I give bequeath and devise to my son Josiah Woodman two fifths of my real estate and to come into possession of it at the decease of his mother or at her Marriage—
> Item I give bequeath and devise to my daughters Polley Salley and Betsey Woodman the remainder of my real estate to be equally divided between them and for them to come into possession of at the decease of their mother or at her marriage—Also I order my said Son Josiah and daughters Polley Salley and Betsey before named equally to find and provide suitable meat drink washing lodging clothing and physic [medicine] for my daughter Lydia Woodman during her natural life after they come into possession of my said real estate as before mentioned.—
> Item I do hereby constitute and appoint, make and ordain my before mentioned wife Mary Woodman my executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former wills, testaments legacies bequeaths and executors by me in any before named willed or bequeathed—

On 15 April 1789 Edward sold back to Smith Emerson the twelve acres he had purchased of him in 1777 and by the third Wednesday of June he was dead. The father of five children was dead at the age of forty-three.(10) In August a committee filed the following inventory:

| | |
|---|---|
| About sixty three acres of land with the building thereon | 94.10.0 |
| Three feather beds and the furniture belonging thereto | 10.16- |
| One suite of broad cloth clothes considerably worn | 1.10- |
| One suit of homespun ditto | .18 |
| Four yards of new homespun mill'd cloth | 1.0- |
| One old hat, one pair shoes and two shirts | .5- |
| Three pair stockings 1 kettle pan 2 small trammels [hooks to hang kettles in fireplace] | .6- |
| One pair of iron bound wheels wood very old | 2.2- |
| One plough and d$^{o}$ irons Two chains w. about 20$^{lb.}$ | 1.0- |
| One dung fork Two pitch forks, and one pair of clevis | .5- |
| Two axes. 1 hoe 1 sithe and tackling [prob. harness for horse or oxen] very old | .8- |
| Three pots 8/. One frying pan 1/. One tea kettle 2/ | .11- |
| Three tables 12/ 1 great chair | .14- |
| 1/2 doz banister back chairs 1/2 d$^{z}$ kitchen chairs | .9- |
| One case draw [drawers] 36/ 1 chest 2/ 1 pair looms 8/ | 2.6- |
| One foot wheel 8/ 1 ditto large spinning wheel 3/ | .11- |
| About 20$^{lb}$ pewter 15/ 1 coffee pot 1/ 1 blocktin tea d$^{o}$ 2/ | .18- |
| Twelve earthen plates 3/ two ditto bowls 1/6 | 4.6 |
| One gun 12/ 1 case and ten bottles 3/ | 15- |
| Two old hogsheads 1 cider barrel and two meat barrels | 5- |
| One cheese tub one d$^{o}$ wash tub and 1 churn | 2.6 |
| One mare and colt 90/ two 3 year old steers 110/ 1 2 y$^{r}$ old 36/ | 11.16- |
| One 1 y$^{r}$ old 18/ twelve sheep and 5 lambs 102/ | 6.0 |
| Three sheats [sic] 48/ One mans saddle 12/ and 1 side saddle 36/ | 4.16- |
| One bridle 1/ One ironing box and two heaters 1/6 | 2.6 |
| One shovel and tongs 4/ one sickle One stand 2/ | 6.9 |
| £ 143.17 shillings. 3 pence | |

Mary stayed on the homestead farm, but claims (one of them from Edward's brother Samuel for thirty-six pounds, seventeen shillings, six pence) against Edward's estate totaled seventy-three pounds, three shillings, one pence. On 12 October 1790 the court directed Mary to sell forty-eight and one-half acres to pay them. On 13 and 23 November 1790, Mary, in two separate sales, sold fourteen acres of the farm.(11)

On 18 February 1791 Edward's estate was again the subject of a discussion at the probate court. A sad and shocking thing had happened – now Mary was dead. She had died before settling her dead husband's affairs and her five children had no one to care for them. The court appointed Mary's neighbor, Josiah Durgin, to administer Edward's estate. Josiah had closer ties to the family

than just those of a neighbor, however. He was a cousin of Samuel Woodman's (Edward's brother) wife, Lydia.(12)

That same day, Edward's son, Josiah, "being a minor upwards of fourteen years of age" chose Josiah Durgin to be his guardian. Durgin must also have taken two of the girls for his report to the court 25 November 1794 lists costs of three pounds for "keeping two children under seven," but he does not name them.(13)

A few days later, on 10 December 1794, Polly, "a minor upwards of the age of fourteen years" chose Simon Huckins of Lee to be her guardian. Mercifully, Huckins also took Sally and Betsey, "Children of Edward Woodman late of Lee . . . who are Minors under the age of fourteen years . . . ." Now three of the sisters were together.(14)

Affairs of the estate dragged on. Josiah Durgin sold nine acres of Edward's farm on 12 January 1795. Later on in that year the court appointed a committee to divide the estate among the children. On 29 June 1796 Durgin submitted his final report to the probate court.(15)

*Edward's children:*

**6-27** i Josiah[6], b. about 1777.

ii Lydia[6], b. about 1780. Lydia inherited nothing from her father, but in his will Edward spoke of her as a special child – a child who was different. He ordered Lydia's brother and sisters to provide her with "suitable meat, drink, washing, lodging, clothing and physic during her natural life." Following her mother's death, Lydia was kept by John Stevens who charged the estate $160.00 for "boarding, washing and clothing" her for 256 weeks. In the 1850 Census from Lee is the following: "Lydia Woodman, Poor House, age 70 – an illiterate pauper, idiotic."(16)

iii Mary[6] (Polly), b. around 1780. Polly (Mary) might have lived with Josiah Durgin after her mother's death, until on 10 Dec 1794, at about age fourteen, she chose Simon Huckins of Lee as her guardian. When the court appointed a committee to divide her father's estate in 1795, Polly received sixteen acres and fifty square rods plus "one third part of the house and barn standing on Betsey's share viz: The two easterly end rooms in the house, and the easterly ten feet of the barne, and the privilege in the oven and cellar and chamber and well, and to pass and repass to each and every one of the aforesaid Apartments for the improvement of the same."(17)

Polly was living in Nottingham, NH when she was married by Gospel Minister Curtis Coe of Durham on 13 Mar 1799 to Samuel Jones of Barrington, NH.(18)

That same year, Polly's guardian, Simon Huckins, sold the sixteen acres she inherited on 3 June 1800. Curiously, the deed calls her Polly "Woodman."(19)

Polly was living in Middleton, New Hampshire, when on 24 Mar 1812, she and her sister Sally, of Nottingham, sold twenty acres – two small pieces of land being all they got from their "late Hon[d] father Edward Woodman" – to the selectmen of Lee.(20)

iv Sarah[6] (Sally), b. about 1787. On 10 Dec 1794, the court appointed Simon Huckins to be Sarah's guardian. Now she could be with her sisters Polly and Betsey. When the committee divided their father's land in 1795, Sarah received sixteen acres and fifty square rods of the farm with the southwesterly room in the house and the southerly half of the west end of the barn. She was given privileges in the oven, cellar, the chamber and the well.(21)

On 3 Jun 1800 Huckins sold twenty-eight acres of the land belonging to Sarah and Betsey for $150.78. Sarah was living in Nottingham, NH by 1812, when on 24 March she and her sister Polly sold two small pieces of land (20 acres) to the selectmen of Lee.(22) She may be the Sarah who m. Stephen Roberts of Barrington, NH, 10 Aug 1812.(23)

v Betsey[6], b. about 1787. When her father's estate was divided in 1795, Betsey's share was sixteen acres and fifty square rods. Her part of the house was the north bedroom, northwest bedroom and the northerly half of the west end of the barn. She too shared the well, oven, chamber and cellar.(24) Betsey's guardian sold her land 3 June 1800. That is the last record of Betsey.(25)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 394; family record copied by Lewis Woodman 17 May 1899; *Vital Records of Dover, NH, 1686-1850,* p. 156.
2. State Archive Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Docket #12491.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 54; 8:290; 105:116.
4. Edward's military record, Military Archives; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. I, pp. 133, 146.
5. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 1:145; George W. Chamberlain, *Soldiers of the American Revolution of Lebanon, ME, and The Beginnings of Lebanon,* 1975, p. 17. Originally published 1936.
6. Albert Stillman Batchellor, *State Papers of New Hampshire, Revolutionary Documents,* Vol. XXX, 1910, p. 83.
7. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 8:221, 292.
8. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Alfred, ME, 51:76; 53:195; 66:72.
9. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 11:519; 30:80; York Co. Reg. of Deeds, 51:77.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 2, p. 494; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 11, p. 78.
11. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 2:469, 514; 3:147, 160; U.S. 1790 Census of New Hampshire; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 12:414; 30:74.
12. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 3:245; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 163.
13. Strafford Co. Probate, 3:251, 423; 4:454.
14. Ibid., 4:216, 217.
15. Ibid., 5:70, 101; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 20:218.
16. Strafford Co. Probate, 6:95.
17. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 4:216; 5:70.
18. Vital Records of Barrington and Nottingham, NH found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
19. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 6:95; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 41:357.
20. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 72:529.
21. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 4:217; 5:70.
22. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 35:277; 72:529.
23. Nottingham Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society.
24. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 5:70.
25. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 35:277.

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Other data:
Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 3:54; 8:290, 105:116, 8:293.

## Samuel[5] (Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-25.** Samuel was born 19 September 1749. He and his brother Edward were baptized 14 September 1752 by the Reverend Jonathan Cushing at First Church in Dover, New Hampshire.(1)

In 1765, the seventeen-year-old Samuel, with his brothers, Edward, Jr. and John, and some neighbor boys, were ordered to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions Court. They were charged with "a breach of the peace and Committing of a Riot" against Samuel and Mary Dula of Durham. Neighbors put up a bond of 150 pounds to ensure that Samuel and Edward, Jr. would appear in court and "keep the peace and be of good behavior towards all his Majesties Subjects and in particular towards Samuel and Mary Dula . . . ."(2)

On 18 June 1770 Samuel witnessed the deed of his brothers, John and Edward, Jr., when they sold land in Rochester, New Hampshire which had belonged to their grandfather, John Doe.(3)

Samuel married Lydia Durgin 11 December 1774, who was born 27 April 1755, probably in Northwood, New Hampshire, the daughter of John and Susanna (Pitman) Durgin.(4)

Samuel's father, Edward, died in the early summer of 1776. Samuel, the executor, inherited all of Edward's land in the Parish of Lee, New Hampshire where Edward had lived, together with the house and barn (except for his mother's dowry while she lived). Samuel was to receive all of his father's personal estate on condition that he give up to his brother, John, all his right in the land in Rochester, which came from their grandfather, John Doe. About a month later Samuel gave his

deed to the Rochester lands to his brother John.(5)

Samuel celebrated the 4th of July 1776 by committing an act of great patriotism; he swore allegiance to his country by signing the Association Test at Lee, thus making his descendants eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution.(6)

By 23 January 1786, Samuel was in Deerfield, New Hampshire. That day he sold half (fifty-two and one-half acres) of his father's old farm in Lee to his brother Edward. In 1789 he severed his last tie to Lee when he sold the other half of the farm, which was "given to the said Samuel by his hon$^{d}$. father Edward Woodman, late of Lee, deceased."(7) On 5 March 1819 Samuel made his will:

> I Samuel Woodman of Deerfield, County of Rockingham, & State of New Hampshire, Yeoman, being rather feeble in body, but of sound & disposing mind & memory, calling to mind my mortality, knowing it is appointed unto all Men once to die. Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament revoking all others.
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> Imprimus I give & bequeathe unto my well beloved Wife, Lydia Woodman, the use & improvement of The one half of my farm, during her natural life, or so long as she continues my Widow; together with all my household furniture except my clock and wearing clothes, hereafter to be disposed and also all my cattle, sheep, & swine, which may be on hand at my decease; & all provisions, which shall then be found on hand, also all Notes of hand, money on hand, to be hers at my decease; & my Will further is, that what may remain of the aforesaid legacy at the decease of my Wife, except the use & improvement of the Land, may be equally divided between my five Daughters, at the decease of my Wife together with the use of one half of the house, during her life.
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> Item I give & bequeathe to my five Daughters; Martha Demerit, Susanna Woodman, Lydia Brown, Mehitable Knowles, Sarah Woodman, two dollars cash, besides what I have already given them, to be paid them at my decease by my Executor; & also to my Daughter, Susanna Woodman, above named, my Clock, at my decease, delivered her by my Executor.
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> Item I give & bequeathe unto my Son Edward Woodman, all my wearing apparrel at my decease, to be delivered him by my Executor, besides what I have given him heretofore.
>
> Item I give & bequeathe to my Son Lewis Woodman, one hundred Dollars, to be paid him, in one year, after my decease, by my Executor, besides what I have already given him.
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> Item I give & bequeathe unto my Son Samuel Woodman, all the remainder of my real & personal Estate, of every kind, farming utensils, horse Waggon, a Pew in the Northwood Baptist Meetinghouse; besides the half of my Farm given him by Deed heretofore, & the remainder half of my Farm to come into possession of, at the decease of my Wife, or at the time She shall cease to continue my Widow – I also give unto him, Ten Dollars in money, out of Estate, as consideration for Legacies to be paid out, at my decease, to my five Daughters – my Will also is, that he provide all necessary room in the Barn, for my Wife to put her hay, & to keep her stock.
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> Item I do hereby appoint & ordain, my Son Samuel Woodman, above named, my sole Executor . . . .
>
> In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fifth Day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & nineteen.(8)

Samuel died 13 August 1819. Lydia lived until November 1836. She must have stayed in the old house, but the U.S. Census never lists her as being the head of a household.

*Samuel and Lydia's children:*(9)

**6-28** i Martha$^{6}$, b. 17 Oct 1775.

ii Susanna$^{6}$, b. 15 Apr 1777; d. 17 Nov 1780 in Lee.(10) (A family record called her Susan)

**6-29** iii Samuel$^{6}$, b. 19 (Family record says 14) May 1779.

**6-30** iv Edward$^{6}$, b. 10 Dec 1781.

v Susanna$^{6}$ (Family records called her "Susan"), b. 8 or 18 Jun 1784; d. before 8 Jul 1862 in Pawtucket, RI. She left an estate valued at $6,157.41 which seems a great deal for a single

woman to have in that era. There is no evidence she ever married; the family record called her "an old maid." Her estate was divided among her twenty living heirs.(11)

vi Lydia[6], b. 2 Jan 1787; m. Stephen Brown probably Nov 1809.(12)

vii Mehitable[6], b. 8 Jan 1790; m. George Knowles. She inherited from her sister Susan.

viii Sarah[6], b. 24 Feb 1792. Vital records of her birth call Sarah "Sally." She called herself a "single woman"; the family record called her "an old maid."

Most wills in early times were made by men. Most of them began "I being feeble," or "I being weak in body" or "I being an old man." Listen to how Sarah began her will:

> Know all men by these presents that I Sarah Woodman of Manchester, County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, single woman, being strong in body and of sound mind and perfect memory . . .
>
> First I resign my soul to the hand of Almighty God hoping and believing in remission of sins by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. And my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named. And my worldly estate I give and devise as follows,
>
> 1st I give and bequeath, unto my brother Lewis Woodman the sum of One Thousand Dollars cash to be paid by my executor hereinafter named within six months after the date of my death.
>
> 2nd As to all the rest and residue and remainder of my estate be the same personal or real whatsoever after payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses and the expense of settling my estate and erecting monuments at my grave the expense of which I leave entirely to his discretion, I give and bequeath in equal shares to be divided equally between my nephews and nieces hereinafter named and none others.
>
> To wit. Eunice Johnson wife of Warren Johnson of Strafford, County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, Rhoda Beal wife of Bradford Beal of Bedford, County of Hillsborough in said State, John and Joseph Woodman both of Newton in the State of Massachusetts, Nancy Hoyt wife of Jonathan K. Hoyt of Northwood, County of Rockingham in said State of New Hampshire, Jonathan Woodman of Manchester aforesaid, David B. Woodman of Grafton, County of Grafton, in said State, Peter O. Woodman of Manchester aforesaid, Samuel Woodman son of Edward Woodman now residing in the State of Iowa as I am informed and believe and Abigail B. Scribner wife of Edwin Scribner of Salisbury, County of Merrimack in said State of New Hampshire, meaning and intending to make this bequest so far as it relates to said Eunice Johnson, Rhoda Beal Nancy Hoyt, and Abigail B. Scribner to them and each of them as their sole and separate use free from the interference or control of their present or any future husband . . . .
>
> In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26 day of May AD 1869.

Sarah's will implies she was robust, strong-willed, independent – that she may never have minded having never married. Her insistence that her nieces should be in firm control of their inheritance without interference from their husbands seems unusual for those times. Women who thought like that were probably considered to be troublemakers – dangerous and unladylike.

Sarah lived to be about eighty-three years old; her will was probated in 1875. She died surely one of the first liberated women in New Hampshire.(13)

ix Lewis[6], b. 24 Apr 1794; d. a baby.

**6-31** x Lewis[6], b. 11 Oct 1796.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 394; family record copied by Samuel's great-grandson, Lewis, of Archer, IA, in 1899; *Vital Records of Dover, NH, 1686-1850,* Facsimile Reprint, Heritage Books, Inc., 3602 Maureen Lane, Bowie MD, 1977, p. 156.
2. State Archives Court Case, New Hampshire State Archives, Concord, NH, Docket #12491, ms.
3. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 54.
4. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 163, 394.

5. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 145; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 249.
6. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 127; Batchellor, *State Papers of New Hanpshire, Revolutionary Documents,* Vol. XXX, p. 85.
7. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 11, pp. 283, 519.
8. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #10014.
9. Family record; Rev. Elliott C. Cogswell, *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, NH,* p. 507; Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #18727 and #1779.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records.
11. Rockingham Co. Probate Record, Exeter, NH, Docket #18727.
12. Deerfield Congregational Church Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
13. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #1779.

## David[5] (Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**5-26.** An old family record gives David's birthday as 18 September 1755, while the *History of Durham, New Hampshire,* has it as 3 September 1757.(1)

When David's father died between 10 May 1776 and 12 June of that same year, David, with his brothers Edward, John and Ebenezer, inherited "the grant of land made me by the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay which grant is paid out a little way above the township of Lebanon in said Colony and near Salmon Fall River (so called)."(2) That grant of land, called Woodman Grant, was 500 acres made to Edward[4] of Durham, New Hampshire, 9 June 1766. The acreage was annexed to Lebanon, Maine, 5 March 1785, and was set off to Shapleigh (now Acton, Maine) on 14 February 1793. It was called Fox's Ridge.(3)

About the time his father died, David joined the Revolution. "In June 1776 I enlisted in Lee, N.H., with Captain Elijah Densmore and marched to Portsmouth, N.H.," David deposed, "and did duty as a soldier guarding the seaboard. Was on duty six weeks and then discharged. In September 1776 I enlisted in the town of Lee and joined the Company under the command of Lieut. Joshua Woodman [Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2] who was David's cousin] at New Market. From there we marched to Mistick and did duty at Winter Hill. The last of March 1777 was discharged after serving I think 10 or 12 days over six months. The company belonged to Poor's Regt. – soon after arriving at Mistick Captain Benjamin Folsom commanded the company. The last of May or first of June 1777 I enlisted in the company of Captain Robert Pike of New Market. Marched from there to Portsmouth, N.H., from there to Providence, R.I., thence to Warwick where the company was discharged. Col. Senter commanded. I enlisted for six months and served the whole time."

David received a bounty for this enlistment under Lt. Col. Joseph Senter, "We the Subscribers Do here By accnoledge to have Recived of Saml Gilman Muster master foure Pounds ten Shilings which Sume makes our Bounty to Six Pounds as Solders Now Rased for the Defence of the Newingland States as witnes our hand." He enlisted as a private 8 July 1777 and was discharged 6 January 1778, which included travel home from Rhode Island at twenty miles per day. For service as a private, David was paid two pounds per month.

David continued, "In the year 1778 or 9, I enlisted in Lee and joined Captain Leavitt's Company at Newport, R.I., did duty six weeks and received a discharge with the rest of the Regiment under Col. Archalus Mooney – I had no written discharges for any of the above service."(4) David had enlisted four times before that war finally ended.

David probably married near the close of the war. He married Joanna March who was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1761.(5) Twelve April 1779 David sold fifty acres in Rochester, New Hampshire to his brother Edward, described as a lot "in the second division of Land . . . of which land John Doe [David and Edward's grandfather] was the original proprietor."(6)

On 17 June 1780 David and his brothers, John, Edward and Ebenezer, described as all from Lee, New Hampshire sold to Thomas Pollick seventy acres "of Land being part of the grant obtained by our Hon$^{d}$ father Edward Woodman from the court of the Massachusetts which grant is adjoining Salmon falls river." That same day the four boys divided the rest of the land among themselves; David received 220 acres.(7)

By 6 March 1784 David of Hubertstown (an early name for that area) sold 104 acres of his land, and eleven days later sold the rest of it. In December 1787 David bought back part of the 1784 land sale and in September 1788, his brother Edward sold all of his rights in the Woodman Grant (which by now had been annexed to Shapleigh, Maine) to David. Only seven days after acquiring the land from Edward, David sold forty-three acres to Gershom Wentworth and twenty-five acres to Solomon Loud, which was followed by a sale of fifty-six acres in November. In 1789 David sold forty-eight acres.(8)

The first U.S. Census in 1790 lists David as living in Lebanon, York County, Maine, in a household of one male 16 and up, three males under 16 and four females.

On 4 April 1794 the constable and collector of taxes for the town of Lebanon, acting for the selectmen, sold thirty acres of land "lying in a certain grant of land called Woodman Grant then lying & being in said Lebanon but now in the Town of Shapleigh belonging to David Woodman a resident Proprietor & living in said Town of Lebanon which in their rate bill or list of assessment they have committed to me to Collect in the sume of Two shillings & one penney for defraying Ministeral charges . . . & whereas the said David Woodman nor any other person has appeared to discharge said Tax although I have notified advertised and posted the same as the law directs . . . ."(9)

By the time the 1800 U.S. Census was taken, David was in Tamworth, New Hampshire, with a household of one male under 10, one male 10-16, one male over 45, one female under 10, one female 10-16 and one female over 45.

Not only was David a soldier in the Revolution, at about the age of fifty-five he joined the War of 1812! Details of David's service emerged when in 1859, Jacob Jewell applied for a pension for service in the War of 1812. Jewell had been drafted to serve at Portsmouth and Little Harbor, New Hampshire, under Captain William Courson. After serving eighteen or twenty days, Jewell's father had hired David to serve as a substitute for Jacob.

On 25 January 1861 David's son, John, was asked for a deposition. John said " . . . (I) depose and say that I am the son of the late David Woodman of Tamworth . . . and that my Father was a Soldier in the Revolution, likewise a soldier in the War of 1812 as a substitute for Jacob Jewell. After the said Jacob Jewell had been in the service about three weeks his Father got my Father to go to Portsmouth to take the place of Jacob – he not being very well.

"I would also say," John continued, "that my Father has been dead about twenty years and that he left no minor heirs or Widow. He never drew Pension or bounty Land for his service in the last war to my knowledge." Cards in Jewell's military file show David served from 6 October 1814 to 20 November 1814 when the company was discharged.(10)

The 1830 U.S. Census lists David in Tamworth, age 70-80 with one female age 70-80 and one female age 30-40. On 15 May 1833, David, calling himself seventy-five years old, applied for a pension for his service in the Revolution. Joanna must have been dead by then for she was not mentioned in his application. David's application was approved and he was issued certificate #15906 on 6 August 1833. He was to receive $50.66 per year. According to his son John's deposition, David died about 1840.

I have no other information about David except for a letter written in 1887 by Edward E. Woodman of Danvers, Massachusetts. Edward E. was a great-grandson of David of Tamworth. The following letter was written to Edgar H. Woodman, Esq. of Concord, New Hampshire, who was researching the Woodman family genealogy.

> Dear Sir, David Woodman in Battle of Bunker Hill lived with one of his sons [James] at Tamworth, N.H. 85 years old at death which occurred about 1830 or 1835.
>
> David's sons were James, Daniel, David [?], Charles, John, Jacob[?] (a sailor) and George. Am not sure that the above is right order.
>
> James lived at Tamworth, N.H., and owned there a 'Fulling Mill' moved to Gloucester, Mass. and there died.
>
> John and Charles lived at Tamworth also. George (my grandfather) was born December 14, 1785 (where we do not know), lived in Tamworth, N.H. . . .
>
> It was only last week, I wrote to Reverend E.C. Cogswell, Tamworth, N.H. much the same as I am doing to you. He is writing a history of Tamworth and wanted to know about the Woodmans . . . .(11)

Since there is such a scarcity of information about David[5], I have taken great liberties with this segment of the family. For quite a period of time a Charles, John, and James are shown to be living in Tamworth, but I have found no proof they were David's sons. I have chosen to publish all the material I have found about these men hoping some reader may be able to document them as sons of David and place them correctly in the family. I would rather do this than have my material forever unavailable to others.

While Edward E. wrote with some authority about his grandfather's brothers, I have found no trace of a David, Daniel or Jacob around Tamworth whom he named as sons of David.

*David's children:*(12)

i David[6].
ii Daniel[6].
iii Jacob[6], a sailor?

**6-32** iv Charles[6], b. between 1780-1790.

**6-33** v George[6], b 14 Dec 1785.

**6-34** vi John March[6], b. between 1788-1790.

**6-35** vii James[6], b. between 1790-1800.

viii Mary S.[6], m. Joseph C. Caverly 24 Nov 1825.(13)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 394; A family record copied in Auburn, NH 17 May 1899 by Lewis Woodman, a great-great-grandson of Edward[4]; Rev. Elliott C. Cogswell, *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, NH,* comprised within the original limits of Nottingham, Rockingham Co., NH, 1878, p. 507.
2. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 1, p. 145.
3. George W. Chamberlain, *Soldiers of the American Revolution of Lebanon, Maine and the Beginnings of Lebanon,* 1975. Originally published in 1936, p. 17.
4. David's Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC; New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Chandler E. Potter, *Military History of New Hampshire, 1623-1861,* Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, 1972, p. 174.
5. A letter from Charles Ernest Woodman, 1610 50 St., Brooklyn, NY, 3 Apr 1916; Mary Adams Rolfe research notes, Historical Society of Old Newbury, Newburyport, MA.
6. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 8, p. 292.
7. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Alfred, ME, 51:76; 53:195; 66:72.
8. Ibid., 47:297; 51:77; 51:163; 51:165; 52:119; 66:72.
9. Ibid., 66:77.
10. Military Record of Jacob Jewell, Military Archives, Washington, DC; Chandler E. Potter, *Military History of New Hampshire 1623-1861,* Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, 1972, p. 174.
11. A letter to Edgar H. Woodman, Esq., Concord, NH, from Edward E. Woodman, Danvers, MA, 19 Mar 1887.
12. Ibid.
13. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 865.

# SIXTH GENERATION

**Isaac Small[6] (Edward Small[5], Benjamin Small[4], Mary Woodman Small[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-1.** Isaac was born 19 August 1773, at Harwich, Massachusetts. He died 24 October 1813 at Harwich. On 23 April 1795, at Yarmouth, Massachusetts, he married Sally Sears who was born 8 May 1775 at Yarmouth. Sally was the daughter of Captain Eleazer and Bethiah (Godfrey) Sears.(1)

*Isaac's children (named Small):*

i Leonard[7].
ii Winthrop[7].
iii Avunah[7] (Runy).
iv Isaac[7].
v Betsey Sears[7].
vi Sally[7].
vii Hannah[7].
viii Lydia[7].

Note:
1. *Genealogy of Edward Small*, p. 121.

**Samuel Thompson[6] (Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-2.** Samuel Thompson was born about 1756; married, 1 January 1790 to Love, daughter of Reuben Hill of Lee Hook.(1)

*Samuel's children (named Thompson):*

i Samuel[7], m. _____ Fox; settled in Acton, ME. Three children.
**7-1** ii Jonathan[7], b. 4 Jul 1800.
iii Abigail[7], m. Daniel Goodwin, Acton, ME.
iv Lois[7], m. Capt. Stephen Twombly of Dover, NH.
v Love[7], m. Thomas Langley (?), Acton, ME.
vi Eliza[7], m. Daniel Goodwin, (his second wife).
vii Reuben[7], m. and d. in New York.

Note.
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 366.

**Jonathan Thompson[6] (Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-3.** Jonathan was born about 1760; on 15 November 1789 he married Jane Kelsey in Nottingham, New Hampshire.(1)

*Jonathan's children (named Thompson):*

i James[7].
ii Susan[7].
iii Noah[7].
iv Hugh[7].
v Mary[7].

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 363.

**Job Thompson[6] (Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-4.** Job was born 2 September 1772, married 13 May 1799, Abigail, daughter of Joseph Burnham.

Abigail was born 15 January 1774 and died 21 October 1859. Job lived in Lee, New Hampshire, and died 26 May 1826.(1)

*Job's children (named Thompson):*

i Susan[7], b. 20 Jun 1800; m. 10 Sep 1825, James Buzzell.
ii Joseph Burnham[7], b. 1 Aug 1802; d. 8 Sep 1803.
iii Elizabeth[7], b. 10 Sep 1804; d. 24 Sep 1807.
**7-2** iv Mary[7], b. 4 Jul 1806.
**7-3** v Job[7], b. 2 May 1808.
**7-4** vi John[7], b. 19 Jun 1810.
vii Parthenia[7], b. 19 Oct 1812; m. Gordon Bean of Candia, NH.
**7-5** viii Samuel[7], b. 30 Mar 1815.
**7-6** ix Daniel Fox[7], b. 19 Mar 1817.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 366.

**Edmund Thompson[6] (John Thompson[5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-5.** Edmund was born 25 May 1759. He married Abigail Emerson 24 June 1784. Abigail was born 3 October 1760, the daughter of Samuel and Dorothy (Chamberlain) Emerson.(1) Abigail died 8 February 1798 and 24 April 1800 he married Susanna Jones. Susanna was born 3 May 1769, the daughter of Stephen and Susanna (Millett) Jones.(2) A carpenter and contractor, Edmund died 24 November 1836; Susanna died 24 February 1845.

*Edmund and Abigail's children (named Thompson):*(3)

i Samuel[7], b. 29 Jun 1785; d. 2 Sep 1787.
ii John[7], b. 19 Jan 1788; m. Sarah Woodman[7] (Lemuel[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1]) See Sarah[7].
iii Nancy[7], b. 3 Apr 1790; m. farmer and seaman Charles Yeaton of Portsmouth, NH, 16 Jul 1822. She d. of smallpox 3 Apr. 1836. He d. 20 Jun 1848.(4)
**7-7** iv James[7], b. 30 Jan 1793.
v Nicholas[7], b. 11 May 1795; d. 22 Oct 1822. Never married.
vi Moses[7], b. 31 Jan 1798; on 16 Jan 1823 he m. Drusilla Ewer who was b. 2 Dec 1803. Moses d. 24 Sep 1869 and Drusilla d. 3 Jun 1881. They had no children.

*Edmund and Susanna's children:*

vii Abigail[7], b. 12 Dec 1800; m. George J. Wiggin; she d. 2 Feb 1872.(5)
**7-8** viii Stephen Jones[7], b. 6 Mar 1803.
ix Edmund E.[7], b. 9 Feb 1805; d. 6 Sep 1845. Not married.
x Thomas Millett[7], b. 12 Apr 1807. A selectman and representative of Lee, NH, he died unmarried 27 Apr 1886.
**7-9** xi Charles E.[7], b. 23 Feb 1809.
**7-10** xii William F.[7], b. 23 Feb 1809.

Notes:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 178.
2. Ibid., p. 233.
3. Ibid., pp. 364-365.
4. Ibid., p. 400.
5. Ibid., p. 381.

**John Thompson[6] (John Thompson[5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-6.** John was born 29 March 1762. On 17 February 1789 he married Sarah Runnels and moved to Conway, New Hampshire. Sarah was born 3 August 1762, the daughter of Jonathan and Keziah (Carter) Runnels of Lee, New Hampshire. John died 10 August 1798; Sarah died 20 September 1824.

*John's children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Betsey[7], b. 17 Jun 1790; d. 3 Oct 1812.

**7-11** ii Samuel[7], b. 1 Sep 1792.

iii John[7], b. 11 Jun 1795; d. 11 May 1814.

iv Keziah[7], b. 5 Dec 1796; d. 16 Nov 1834.

v Jonathan Reynolds[7], b. 21 Jan 1799. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1827, and became a physician at Conway. He m. Abigail Eastman 21 Jan 1836. Abigail died 3 Oct 1846 and on 13 Sep 1849 he married Mary Russell Hill. By the time he died 12 Dec 1869 he had dropped the Thompson surname and was known as Dr. Jonathan Reynolds. He had six children.(2)

Notes:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 365.
2. Ibid.

**Jonathan Woodman[6] (Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-7.** Jonathan, the eldest son of Jonathan and his first wife, Martha, was born 21 July 1774 (his family thought it 1772). In 1795, on 13 March his father sold him one-eighth part of the sawmill at the Durham Falls; Jonathan's stepmother, Mary, gave up her dower. That year Jonathan[6] was referred to as "Jonathan 4th of Durham," because in the town there was his father Jonathan, Jr.[5] (a son of John[4]), Jonathan[5] (Jonathan[4-3]), and another Jonathan[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3]).(1)

In 1797, 19 March, Jonathan "ye 4th of Durham" married Elizabeth, who was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the daughter of Nicholas Pickering of Newington, New Hampshire. On 19 December of that year, Jonathan (now called "Jonathan 3rd of Durham") and his father Jonathan, Jr.[5] bought four pieces of land – partly in Lee, New Hampshire, partly in Nottingham, New Hampshire – for two thousand, "Spanish Milled Dollars." Included in the purchase was one-half of a pew in the Lee, New Hampshire Meeting House.(2)

By 28 June 1798, Jonathan was living in Lee and he sold his one-eighth part of the sawmill at the falls in Durham which "I purchased of my father Jonathan Woodman, Jr. of Durham." His wife Elizabeth gave up her dower. In December of that year Jonathan bought his father's half of the Lee and Nottingham land and the one-half church pew. The deed was witnessed by his sister, Lois, and his stepbrother, John Smith.(3)

That very same day, young Jonathan sold 145 acres of that land in Lee and Nottingham. On 24 May 1799, the son sold "all the lands he got of Richard Martin," being 100 acres in Lee and Nottingham to his father, Jonathan.(4)

On 21 September 1802, Jonathan of Lee (now called a "trader") sold his two-fifth share of an acre in Durham which "Nathaniel Hill conveyed to my mother." (This was the "mansion house" Martha purchased a few days before her death in December of 1784). His wife, Elizabeth, gave up her dower.(5)

Elizabeth's father, Nicholas Pickering, in his will of 21 November 1807, gave his farm in Newington, to Jonathan and Elizabeth's only son, Nicholas. Newington is across the bay from Durham; the present Long Point on the bay was sometimes called Woodman's Point.(6)

By 1809, at the age of sixty-six, the older Jonathan made his will and did something strange. Although he was a man of means, he left this young son Jonathan, last known as a "trader" in Lee, only $1.00. And nothing more was heard of the young trader until 1921.(7)

On 15 May 1921, Jackson M. Hoyt of Newington wrote to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., "In 1890," Hoyt wrote, "Mrs. Sarah Ann (Furber) Ball, a granddaughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Pickering) Woodman, erected a marble monument in the family lot in the graveyard by the old church in Newington. Following are the dates: Jonathan Woodman, 1772-1806; Elizabeth Woodman, 1777-1859; Captain Nicholas P. Woodman, 1797-1860."

This man Hoyt was certainly qualified to speak of Newington, its people and its past. The Hon. Jackson M. Hoyt was born January 15, 1850 in Newington, and was a lifelong resident. At various times he held nearly every public office of the town. In addition, he wrote a history of the Congregational Church covering nearly two hundred years and was town historian during World War I. In 1890 he copied the early town records from 1713 to 1820, and was the superintendent of the public cemetery for many years. "Without question, he is more familiar with the history of Newington than any person living, and he is often consulted by those seeking information concerning the old families and their descendants."(8) And then Jackson Hoyt told his story about this Jonathan Woodman.

> I came to know when quite young that Jonathan deserted his family when the three children were quite small and his whereabouts were never afterwards known by his family. The date, '1806' on the grave monument, was the year of his disappearance, not the date of his death. I have talked with Deacon William L. Furber since receiving your last letter and he confirms the story of his great-grandfather's disappearance, and that was the last the family at Newington knew of Jonathan. William's father, Nicholas Pickering Furber, lived to be seventy-nine and William learned some things about Mrs. Woodman and Captain Nicholas from him.
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> I was present at the funeral of Mrs. Woodman, as well as that of her son, Captain Nicholas Woodman, they occurred only a month apart – both held in the old meeting house in Newington. My uncle, Reverend Samuel Hoyt, conducted the service. I saw her in the coffin in front of the pulpit and that was the only time. Reverend John LeBosquet, then pastor of our Congregational Church, officiated at the funeral of Captain Nicholas. My uncle, Nathaniel P. Coleman, had charge of the arrangements on both occasions and he was also appointed administrator to settle their earthly affairs . . . .
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> I remember a conversation with my cousin . . . wherein he spoke very highly of Mrs. Woodman as being a kind-hearted woman and that her home was always open to take in and care for the 'down and out' and he believed that she did not have an enemy in the world. Her life was one of sorrow and disappointment; it could not be otherwise, knowing as we do what she had to go through – deserted by her husband, and her only son, Nicholas, became insane at an early age. He was the pride of her life and the apple of her eye.
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> It has come to me that Nicholas was an unusually bright and promising young man, honored by his townspeople by being chosen to public office quite early after reaching his majority. He was chosen chairman of the board of selectmen, captain of the militia, and was considered capable and honest . . . .
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> Nicholas' insanity was attributed to too much responsibility at an early age, and to a love affair which was suddenly snapped off by the drowning suicide of his young lady . . . . This young woman belonged to one of the best families in town, but she had gone wrong. She stole some jewelry to adorn herself, and while her family settled the matter out of court, the shame and remorse was too much. This was in 1826. My father, John Hoyt, found her body in about two feet of water in a pond on her father's farm.
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> Mr. Furber tells me that Captain Nicholas was first confined in a room in the home until he became so violent that his mother applied to the authorities to take him away. Nicholas was taken from his home after a hard struggle for his liberty by a posse of strong young men – his contemporaries. My uncle, Captain Hanson Hoyt, led the onslaught after watching from behind a stone wall for him to come out of the house. His mother had previ-

ously fled the premises. Captain Woodman was armed with a sword, sharpened like a razor. He was about to enter an out-building when they pounced upon him. He stabbed my uncle in the thigh, but not seriously; another made a grab at the sword and received a bad gash in his hand. It fell to Col. Isaac Frink to grab a rail from the fence and he gave Captain Woodman a blow on the arm, causing him to drop the sword. His capture was made at once . . . .

John Lowe Pickering of Newington was appointed his guardian and Nicholas was taken to the Pickering farm where a building had been prepared as a cage in which to confine him. It was there he spent the remainder of his life, or about thirty years. As he grew older he became comparatively harmless, and occasionally he was given his liberty for a few hours at a time.(9)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote to Mrs. Mary Effie (Furber) Griffiths, a great-granddaughter of Jonathan6 and told her Hoyt Jackson's story. She wrote back immediately.

Our family never heard the story that way at all. We always understood Jonathan went South to buy lumber – that being his business – and that he was traced as far as a forest, which he and his men had entered. People did not use checks in those days and it was supposed that he was killed for his money.

He was considered one of the first men in Newington. He had the first one-horse chaise in town and many other comforts. His home was on 'Woodman's Point' of Great Bay, directly across from Durham. Do you think it possible that he could have lived in Durham, NH, and also his daughter, Elizabeth Chesley live there – and him never be discovered? . . .

Aunt Sarah frequently visited her grandmother, Elizabeth, who would talk for hours about the fate of her husband (Jonathan). She grieved for him until the day she died, hoping that he had not suffered long if he was attacked. Auntie Sarah, who was ninety on July 3, is convinced her grandmother never had a suspicion of being deserted. She believes it must be idle reports. My father used to tell me the same thing about Elizabeth, and my brother, Will Furber, remembers it as I do . . . .

It is queer about the old man's will. 'To his son Jonathan $1.00.' It might mean he thought Jonathan dead but left the one dollar to clear the law. But, your Mr. Hoyt Jackson may be right, and of course, we do not care a fig at this late date.

Mr. Hoyt is right about Captain Nicholas. Nicholas was said to be very fine looking – blue eyes, fair hair, and a fine figure . . . one of the brightest of boys. [But she and Jackson Hoyt did not agree over the reason for Nicholas' insanity.] His insanity was caused by a girl named Frink to whom he was engaged. She was very pretty and an inveterate flirt who finally jilted him when they were near marriage. But the story that has come down to us is that her remorse over jilting him drove her to suicide by drowning in a pond. Her beauty was her ruin, and also her lover's you see.(10)

Old records show that in November 1824, when Nicholas was twenty-seven years old, Elizabeth asked the court to appoint her as legal guardian of her son, Nicholas Woodman. She said he was a "distracted" person who needed someone to take care of his person and property; the court granted her petition. The following year on 10 May 1825, Elizabeth asked the court to allow her to sell about twenty acres in Newington belonging to Nicholas, for money to pay his bills.

By the fall of 1845, after twenty-one years, Elizabeth gave up her guardianship of Nicholas, but she does not tell the courts why. She was about seventy years old by then; maybe her health was failing and she was just tired. On 2 October of that year, the men of Newington (eleven of them Pickerings) petitioned the Rockingham County courts to appoint a new guardian for Nicholas, calling him insane.(11)

Elizabeth, listed as head of a household in Newington in the 1840 and 1850 Census, died 4 December 1859, in Newington. That same month Nicholas P. Furber, Mary E. Furber, Sarah A. Furber and John S. Furber, John S. Chesley and Elizabeth E. Henderson – all grandchildren – reported to the probate court that Elizabeth's only close heir was the insane Nicholas, and asked the court to

appoint an administrator of Elizabeth's estate.(12) A month later, on 3 January 1868, Nicholas died – and it was over.

Mr. Hoyt's 1921 story continued: "After the death of Elizabeth and Captain Nicholas, the farm, which had been given to Captain Nicholas by his Grandfather Pickering, was sold; first to George Annable. It afterwards became the property of Charles Garrett of Portsmouth, and then later R. P. Margerson of Roxbury, Massachusetts. His heirs sold to Edwin Hawkbridge, a wealthy citizen of Boston, who bought much adjoining land and made many improvements. It is now owned by his heirs. The old Pickering house and other buildings were taken down by Margerson in 1894. The Hawkbridges have transformed it into a beautiful spot and named it 'Sunset Farm.' It is situated on the eastern shore of Great Bay, an attractive body of water between Newington, Greenland, and Durham, New Hampshire," Jackson Hoyt concluded.

This is a wonderful story. It is a personal account of two people who were born in the last quarter of the 1700's. It is a haunting story, very sad, very poignant; a touching story, told charmingly and kindly. Both Jackson Hoyt and Mary Effie Griffiths wrote well; both were honest and sincere.

Jackson Hoyt thought Nicholas' insanity was caused by Miss Frink's suicide in 1826 because she had been caught stealing. Mary Effie Griffiths thought the beautiful, flirtatious Miss Frink killed herself out of remorse because she had broken her engagement to Nicholas. But records show Nicholas needed a guardian as early as 1824 – two years before Miss Frink's death. Perhaps the lovely "inveterate flirt," Miss Frink, committed suicide in 1826 because her lover had gone mad.

We will never know more truth than we know now, and probably shouldn't want to. In 1983, I did find the following: On 18 November 1826, reported, "In Newington, drowned Miss Margaret Ann Frink, aged 20, daughter of Cyrus Frink, Esq."(13)

Late on a winter afternoon I visited the cemetery in the old Newington Church yard. It is a lovely spot. It is a Congregational Church founded in 1712, a small, wooden frame building, painted white with an attractive steeple, though not a tall one. Though very near a well-populated area, the setting seems peacefully rural. There are good trees, a big, open sky and the beautiful bay is very near. Snow covered the ground that day and as the sun started down early, the sky turned a lovely soft cream, rose, and lavender and gray – all reflected in the snow. The cold was bitter. The old yard was full of graves of Frinks, Pickerings and Hoyts. The tragic Miss Frink had been there 158 years; poor mad Captain Nicholas, who had lived in his house cage for thirty years, had been dead 124 years.(14) Jackson Hoyt was there too; he died in 1935. As I hurried away to someplace warm, leaving them in the old yard in the lovely fading light, I thought, "How long they have been here!" They were, it seemed, as close in death as they had once been in life.

i Nicholas Pickering[7], was born about 1797. Nicholas was made a captain in the 1st Company, 35th Regiment of the Militia on 18 April 1822 when he was twenty-five years old. He surely had to give up his commission shortly afterward because his mother became his guardian by 1824.

In the 1830 Census, surprisingly, he was listed as head of a household; the 1850 Census shows him in the home of John S. Pickering.

Poor, mad Captain Nicholas who lived in his house-cage for thirty years died 3 January 1860; his death record said he had been "a maniac" for thirty-eight years. A week later his living relatives applied to the Rockingham County Probate Court for an administrator of his estate. Nicholas, they said, never married – never had children.(15)

**7-12** ii Mary[7], b. 31 Jan 1799.

**7-13** iii Elizabeth[7], b. 1800 (?).

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 394; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 22, p. 507.
2. Newington, NH Vital Records found in the Cemetery Records of New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 25, p. 253.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 28, p. 220; Vol. 29, p. 183. (Because part of the land was in Nottingham, NH, the deed is registered in Rockingham Co. as Vol. 151, p. 32).
4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 29, p. 184; Vol. 30, p. 262.
5. Ibid., Vol. 40, p. 234.
6. Mary P. Thompson *Landmarks in Ancient Dover,* Complete Edition, Durham Historic Assn., 1965, pp. 131 and 276; *John Pickering and his Family,* p. 24, appendix.
7. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 13, p. 474.
8. *The Granite Monthly,* Mar 1920, Vol. 52, Number 3, p. 112.
9. Letters to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. from Jackson M. Hoyt, Newington, NH, 15 and 29 May 1921.
10. Ibid., from Effie (Furber) Griffiths (Mrs. Edward Griffiths), Durham, NH, 7 Jun 1921 and 8 Jul 1921.
11. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #10901, #15025.
12. Ibid., Docket #18147; New Hampshire Vital Records; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 73, p. 204; Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society.
13. *The Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics.*
14. Newington Congregational Church Yard Records.
15. New Hampshire Militia Records. They are from Concord; I do not remember more; Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #18157; New Hampshire Vital Records.

## Nathan[6] (Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-8.** He was born 9 December 1789, a son of his father and second wife, Mary (Jewett) Smith. Although Nathan was one of six sons, by the time his father died in 1811, only he and his seventeen-year-old brother William were alive to receive the largess of the estate.(1)

Nathan was a soldier in the War of 1812. He served in Captain Alfred Smith's Company of Artillery detached from the 25th Regiment commanded by Col. Isaac Waldron. When Nathan applied for bounty land in 1855 he deposed that "he was detached with said Company, by order of the Governor of New Hampshire, to serve at Portsmouth, New Hampshire (about ten miles from Durham) in defense of the place for the term of fifteen days." Nathan served from 11 September 1814 to 28 September, for which service they were to receive $33.33 per month. He was paid $20.00 for the eighteen days he was a soldier.(2)

He married Abigail Chesley 17 February 1817. Ten years younger than Nathan (she was born 21 August 1799), she came from a numerous, prominent, old Durham family. Abigail was the daughter of Samuel and his cousin Nancy (Perkins) Chesley.(3)

From his father Nathan had inherited "the grist, or corn mill, standing on the river at Durham Falls" and he and William were to divide the remaining property – which was considerable.(4)

By 1817 young William was living up in Barrington, New Hampshire, and he sold Nathan all of his share in their father's fifty-acre homestead farm. Now Nathan had the ancestral acres of his great-great-grandfather John[2], land already owned by the family for 157 years. He also got John's old garrison house where he lived the rest of his life.(5)

On 18 April 1831 Nathan's young brother William died up in Barrington and a month later the Strafford County Probate Court appointed Nathan the guardian of William's nine-year-old son George Smith Woodman. Susan Woodman wrote, "George S. lived in his [Nathan's] family as a boy most of the time."(6)

In 1850, six extra persons were living in the garrison with Nathan and Abigail. Their newlywed son Charles F. and his wife were there, a nine-year-old named Nancy Clay (who, in those times, might have been domestic help), and three men who were between the age of thirty to forty who were called "farmers" and likely labored on Nathan's farm. Nathan's real estate was

valued at $17,000.00, which was probably a lot for that town in that time.(7)

While he had a good inheritance from his well-to-do father, Nathan, it seems, probably always had a drive to make money. He started buying and selling land when young and continued to do so all of his life. Indeed, he was called a minor when in 1809 he bought his first piece of land in Barrington.(8)

Besides making money, he inherited money. In 1826 Nathan, along with his brother, William and half sister Mary, had inherited a right in land in Durham, Lee and Barrington from the mother of their father's first wife, Martha Davis. Nathan immediately bought William's and Mary's shares. He seems also to have inherited a small amount from the estate of Moses Emerson which must, somehow, have come through his mother's second marriage to Col. Timothy Emerson. Nathan's wife Abigail left a considerable estate also.(9)

Nathan continued buying and selling real estate. Old land deeds seem to indicate he functioned almost as a money lender. He loaned money, using the property as collateral, and bought and sold mortgages.(10) He was called one of Durham's wealthiest men.(11)

Although Abigail was ten years younger than Nathan, she died first – on 6 January 1864. Nathan was appointed administrator of her estate, declaring the total estate would not exceed $20,000.00.(12)

The next year when Nathan made his will, he must have done so with a heavy heart. His second son, Charles Frederick, had been dead since 1861 and had no living sons. His remaining son had but one child who died very young. So Nathan knew when his eldest son died there would be no sons named Woodman to occupy the land which, by now, had been in the Woodman family 205 years. Nathan lived to be eighty years old, dying 2 March 1869.

> Be it known that I Nathan Woodman of Durham, NH. hereby make and declare this my last-will and testament, as follows, to wit:
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> [1] I give, devise and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Abbie Woodman, her heirs and assigns forever, (1st) the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars; (2d) Also my Demeritt field, in Lee, [NH] near Mr. Buzzell's blacksmith's Shop, about 22 acres. (3d) also the one undivided half of my Amblis field and pasture, about 77 acres, provided my son John S. Woodman, his heirs or assigns does not within one year after my decease, quit claim to said Mary Abbie, her heirs and assigns forever, all his right title and interest in and to the Madbury field and pasture, about 50 acres (the same given by Samuel Chesley to Abagail H. mother of said John S.) and if said John S. does so quit claim, then I give and devise said Amblis field and pasture, about 77 acres all to said John S. his heirs and assigns forever; (4th) Also the one third part of my furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, table linnen, [sic] books, and Silver utensils.
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> [2] I give and bequeath to Sarah A. Woodman, wife of my deceased son Charles F. her heirs and assigns forever the sum of Five Thousand Dollars; also the one third part of my furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, table linens, books and Silver utensils.
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> [3] I give to said Mary Abbie and to her mother Sarah A., each during life, a right to a home and board in the family, in the usual way as now and heretofore, at and out of the old homestead farm, where I now live, and I reserve and give to my son John S. his heirs and assigns, the right at any time on one year's notice (to said Sarah A. or to said Mary Abbie or her guardian) to buy out and extinguish said right of either or both, to said home and board, by the payment to them selves or to my bank in Dover, N.H. for them, of one thousand dollars in full for said right of Sarah A. and of two Thousand dollars in full for said right of Mary Abbie.
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> [4] I give and bequeath to my Nephew George S. Woodman One Thousand Dollars, to him and his heirs, and assigns forever; and to the children of said George S. (living at my decease) their heirs and assigns forever, each son to have twice as much as each daughter, if possible, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, said George S. to be the trustee on his own bond only, and to keep the principal safely invested, using the income in his own discretion, till each child is 21 years of age (each to take his or her share at 21.)

[5] I give and bequeath to Joseph Fowler, [Fowler, age 30, called a farmer, was listed in Nathan's household in the 1850 Census] who has long worked for me, One Hundred Dollars.
[6] I give and bequeath to the Congregational Soc. and Church in Durham [meaning to the deacons of said Church in trust i.e.] where I now worship, One Thousand Dollars, the net income thereof only to be used for the support of public religious services on the Sabbath in said Durham, said sum to be safely invested under the direction of the Judge of Probate for Straff. Co.
[7] Also, my will is that if the cash value of all my notes, bonds, stocks and money at the time of my decease, is less than Thirty Five Thousand Dollars, then all the forgoing legacies shall be diminished and less in the same proportion.
[8] I give, devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate, real, personal and mixed, whatsoever and wheresoever at the time of my decease, to my son John S. Woodman, his heirs, and assigns forever.
[9] And I do hereby appoint my son John S. Woodman, Sole Executor of this my last will and testament; and my will is that he have one year after my decease to settle the business and pay the legacies aforesaid, and that the said legacies, any and all, may be paid by my said Executor wholy or in part, in current money, or in any of my stocks, bonds or notes at their market value at the time of my decease (The Judge of Probate to decide the Market value), or in part, not exceeding the half of each legacy, in any of my stocks bonds or notes at par, at the option and discretion of my said Executor: and that as Executor my son John S. be required to give only his own bond to pay the debts and legacies.

In witness whereof I Nathan Woodman, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of April, A.D. 1865.

Marked by a twelve-foot monument, Nathan and Abigail, surrounded by their family, lie in the graveyard on the old garrison land. Once Captain John's old farm, the graveyard has streets and houses all around it now. If you drive to the end of Woodman Road and walk into the woods, it is about 170 feet to Nathan's grave.

"Father / The memory of the just is blessed / Prov. X 7" is written on Nathan's stone. "Mother / Strength and honor are her clothing, Prov. XXXI 25," says Abigail's.(14)

*Nathan's children:*

**7-14** i John Smith[7], b. 6 Sep 1819.

**7-15** ii Charles Frederick[7], b. 10 Jul 1827.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 395-6.
2. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. I, p. 152; *Military History of New Hampshire,* p. 198: Nathan's military record and application for bounty land, Military Archives, Washington, DC; William G. Saltonstall, *Ports of Piscataqua,* Heritage Books, Inc. 1987, p. 176.
3. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 71, 395-6.
4. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dover, NH, 13:474.
5. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 98:109; 1830-40-50-60 U.S. Census Records, Durham, NH.
6. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 30:176; notes from Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, 1921.
7. 1850 U.S. Census.
8. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 60:428.
9. Ibid., 128:153, 401; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #2265 and 58:463.
10. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 214:57; 217:50; 226:372.
11. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 396.
12. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #2265.
13. Ibid., Docket #3109.
14. Cemetery records from Trustee of Trust Funds, City of Durham, NH, 21 Nov 1981 and 18 Jul 1983. Also Strafford Co., NH Deeds: 69:264; 120:279, 287; 78:405; 116:273; 97:430; 113:207; 127:46; 131:457; 152:240; 155:291; 186:180; 190:461; 191:537; 198:231; 196:443; 197:36; 205:548; 234:148; 233:560.

**William[6] (Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-9.** Born in Captain John's old garrison house in Durham, on 10 July 1794 when his father was fifty-one years old, William was the tenth and last child – the last of six sons. William was but seventeen when his father died in 1811. Sadly, of the six sons, only he and his brother Nathan had outlived their father.(1)

By September of 1817, at the age of twenty-three, William was a trader in Barrington, New Hampshire. That month he and Nathan paid their mother, Mary, $500.00 for her dower in their father's homestead farm and the grist mill at the lower falls on Oyster River. Later that day William sold his share of the homestead farm to Nathan for $1150.00.(2)

On 28 June 1821 William married Abigail Joy who was born 9 March 1796, the daughter of Jacob and his second wife Love (Lovey?) (Thompson) Joy. Abigail died 22 May 1825.(3)

William took as a second wife Eliza Ricker of Madbury, New Hampshire on 3 September 1827. Born in 1802, she was the daughter of Isaac Ricker. The marriage ended abruptly after but six months when Eliza died 6 March 1828. She is buried in Madbury, New Hampshire.(4)

William spent his adult life in Barrington. In 1830 he lived there with one male age 5-10, one male 20-30, one male 30-40, a female age 15-20 and a female age 70-80.(5) Like his father, William bought and sold much real estate. Old land deeds called him a trader which suggests (as does the inventory of his estate) that he may have owned a general store and the post office. He might also have operated an inn. On 16 April 1822 the town issued William a license: "This certifies that we the undersigned approve of William Woodman as a suitable person to sell spirituous liquors in his house as a taverner for a time of one year from the above date."(6)

William married one more time. On 23 January 1831 he married Elizabeth (Betsey) Remick of Barrington. Death doomed this marriage also but this time it was William who died on 18 April 1831.(7) So by age thirty-six he had had three wives and fathered an illegitimate son whom he never recognized.

On 7 June 1831 *The Dover Gazette* reported that Thomas Hall was appointed postmaster at Barrington in place of William Woodman, deceased. He is buried in the Solomon Waldron Graveyard in Barrington with his first wife, Abigail, and his third wife, Elizabeth.(8) The day before William died he made the following will:

> In the name of God Amen I William Woodman of Barrington in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire Esquire being very sick and feeble in body but through the goodness of God of sound mind & memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do — and ordain this my last will & testament recommending my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in christian like decent manner at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named, and as touching such worldly estate as God hath bestowed upon me I give devise and bequeath the same in manner and form following to wit;
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> Impremis I will and order that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid by my Executor as soon as conveniently may be after my decease—
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> Item – I give devise bequeath to my beloved wife Betsy Woodman Five hundred dollars, one hundred to be paid her by my Executor in six months after my decease, and the other four hundred in eighteen months after my decease, and also all the household furniture that she brought with her when she came to live with me – I also give to my said wife the aforesaid bequest in full and instead of her dower or thirds in my Estate.
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> Item I give devise and bequeath to my beloved son George Smith Woodman all the rest residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal wherever it may lay or be found, that I have not before disposed of and my will further is & I hereby order that my Executor shall sell all the estate bequeathed to my said son as soon as conveniently may be after my decease except my bank shares and my best bed & bedstead and beding & curtains thereto belonging – and as some of my bank stock is taken out my will is that my Executor

shall fill up the said bank shares as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, and my will further is that the money that may arise from the sales of the aforesaid estate be put and kept at interest until my son Shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, all of the said bequest I give to my said son his heirs and assigns forever.

. . . In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

An inventory of William's estate:

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|---|---|---|---|
| The Homestead farm and buildings | 1300.00 | 1 yoke of oxen | 60.00 |
| Wood lot adjoining Long pond | 330.00 | 1 year old heifer | 6.00 |
| Lot by land of Andrew Meserve | 144.00 | 1 Red mare | 40.00 |
| 1 Gray mare | 10.00 | 1 Chaise & Harness | 100.00 |
| 1 Swine | 8.00 | 1 Plow | 3.00 |
| 1 Yoke bows Ring & Staple | 1.50 | 1 Clevis | .75 |
| Waggon [sic] and harness | 12.00 | Sleigh | 20.00 |
| 1 Yoke bows Ring & Staple | 1.00 | 1 Yoke | .50 |
| 2 Iron Bars | 3.60 | 1 Grind son [sic] | .70 |
| 1 Part Cask of Lime | 1.00 | 1 Part Cask Rosin | 1.25 |
| 1 Small Plow | 1.00 | 8 Kegs | .64 |
| 1 Shave | .50 | 2 Rakes | .33 |
| 1 Buffalow [sic] skin | .30 | 1 Horse Halter | .25 |
| 1 Handsaw | .50 | 3 Snaths [sic] | 1.00 |
| 1 Bush Sythe & Snath [sic] | .25 | 2 Sythes | .25 |
| Lot of old iron | .67 | 2 Shovels | 1.00 |
| 4 Chains | 4.00 | About four tons of Hay | 25.00 |
| 1 Set of measures | .50 | 1 Saddle | 2.00 |
| 12 Hay forks | 6.00 | 3 Hayforks without handles | .75 |
| 1 String of sleigh bells | .75 | 1 New Clevis | .75 |
| 3 Augers | 1.00 | Shingling Hatchet | .25 |
| 1 Set of barn door hinges & hooks | 2.00 | 2 Hammers | .50 |
| 2 Bridles | 1.00 | 2 pair of Steel Yards | 4.00 |
| 8 Tin measures & 3 tunnels [funnels?] | 1.50 | 1 Pair of Scales and Weights | 3.00 |
| 7 Pounds of chocolate and box | 1.00 | 2 Dozen of Iron Spoons | 1.00 |
| 1½ Dozen Knives and forks | 1.50 | 7 Pair of Butt Hinges | .70 |
| 5 cards of Sleeve buttons and 2 Broken | .60 | 4 Combs | .10 |
| 5 Door handles and Latches | .62 | 3 Pair of Small Hinges | .30 |
| 9 Brass Cocks | 1.50 | 9 Iron Tea Spoons | .18 |
| 21 Window Springs | 1.86 | 4 Pair Scissors | .50 |
| 1½ Gross Iron Buttons | .54 | 4 Felt hats | 2.00 |
| 3 Wedges and Beetle | 1.00 | 1 Adze | .50 |
| 3 Axes | 2.00 | 2 Hand Saws | .50 |
| 2 Traps | 1.00 | 1 String of Button moulds | .10 |
| Part Cask of Copper as | 3.00 | Lot of Chalk | .18 |
| Lot of Logwood | .09 | 1 Pair of Small Scales | .75 |
| 59 White Plates | 1.00 | 8 Pepper Boxes | .32 |
| 4 Dozen and four White Cups and Saucers | .70 | 3 Large White Platters | 1.00 |
| 3 Decanters | .25 | 5 Black Pitchers | .62 |
| 10 Small Jugs | .75 | 4 Saddle Girths | .67 |
| 3 Hones | .30 | 4 Bushels of Salt | 2.00 |
| 9 Figured Tea Pots | 1.80 | 1 Chamber pot | .17 |
| About Sixteen bushels of Corn | 10.72 | 9 Bushels of Rye | 6.00 |
| 3 Bushels of Beans | 2.00 | 1 Bushel of Peas | .50 |
| 9 Empty Casks | .50 | 1 Crop Cut Lawn | 3.00 |
| Cyder mill and press | 15.00 | About 600 pounds of Pork | 42.00 |
| About 300 pounds of Beef | 9.00 | 21 Barrels of Cyder | 21.00 |
| 6 gallons of Vinegar | .50 | 140 Bushels of Potatoes | 16.80 |
| 2 Yokes | .25 | 1 Soap Tub | .50 |
| 8 Cyder hhds | 8.00 | 7 Cyder Barrels | 1.75 |
| 1 Fowling Piece | 4.00 | 1 Time Piece | 12.00 |
| 1 Training Gun and equipment | 4.00 | 1 Four foot Table | 3.00 |
| 1 Beaureau [sic] | 6.00 | 1 Light Stand | .50 |
| 6 Dining Chairs | 2.00 | 1 Looking Glass | 1.00 |
| Fire dogs Shovel and Tongs | 1.75 | 1 Brass Fire Sett | 10.00 |
| 2 Card Tables | 15.00 | 1 Work Stand | 4.00 |
| 6 Dining and 2 arm Chairs | 4.00 | 2 Tea trays | 2.00 |
| Looking Glass | 5.00 | 2 Bellows | .25 |

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| 4 Brushes | .75 |
| 1 Foot Wheel [maybe for spinning] | 2.00 |
| 6 Tumblers | .18 |
| 2 Candlesticks | .75 |
| 8 Cups and Saucers | .50 |
| Mustard Pot Bowl and pepper | .25 |
| Vinegar & Salt sellar | .17 |
| 1 Horse Whip | .75 |
| Cart Wheels axle & draughts and Hay Cart | 10.00 |
| Three foot table | 1.00 |
| Fire Dogs [fireplace equipment] | 1.00 |
| Gridiron Toaster and Chopping Knife | 1.00 |
| 2 Pots Dish Kettle Tea Kettle Frying Pan, Large Dish Kettle, 3 Iron Basons Small Kette Dutchoven | 4.00 |
| Lot of Tin ware | 2.00 |
| Lot of Pewter Plates and Platter | 1.00 |
| 14 Plates 2 Platters and Pudding dish | 1.00 |
| 1 Tea pot, Mug 2 pepper boxes and Salt | .25 |
| 5 Crane Hooks | .25 |
| Chest | .50 |
| Lot of Books | 5.00 |
| 1 Dress Table | 2.00 |
| Best Bed Bedstead Curtains 3 blankets 4 sheets 3 pair pillow cases 2 quilts & counterpane | 47.34 |
| 1 Doz figured plates | .50 |
| 2 yards of broadcloth | 6.00 |
| 1 Looking Glass | .50 |
| 1 Small pine table | .50 |
| Bed and Pillows | 6.00 |
| 2 Sheets and pillow cases | 1.00 |
| 9 common chairs | 1.50 |
| 1 Chest | 1.00 |
| 2 Weaving Reeds | 1.50 |
| Bed and Pillows | 4.00 |
| Bedspread and quilt | 1.50 |
| 1 Chest of Drawers | 1.50 |
| 1 Bedstead cord and under bed | 1.50 |
| 1 Bed and Pillows | 4.00 |
| 2 Coverlets | 1.00 |
| Wel of Kersey [coarse ribbed woolen cloth with cotton warp] | .60 |
| 1 Quilt | .50 |
| 7 Table Cloths | 7.00 |
| 3 Pillow Cases | .25 |
| 1 Tin Kitchen | 1.00 |
| 1 Small Chest | .75 |
| Bonk [sic] | .50 |
| 2 Quilts | 1.00 |
| 1 Comfortable [sic] | .50 |
| 10 Washing Machines | 1.25 |
| 1 Large Iron Kettle | 2.00 |
| 47 Figured Bowls | 4.70 |
| 13 Figured Pitchers | 2.16 |
| 15 White Pitchers | 1.50 |
| 12 Sugar Bowls | .88 |
| 21 Blue edge Plates | .50 |
| 1 Meal Chest and scoop | 1.00 |
| 1 Large Pine Table | .50 |
| 60 Pounds of Tallow at 6 cents per lb | 3.84 |
| 60 Pounds of Lard at 8 cents per lb | 4.80 |
| 74 Pounds of Fish at 21/2 per lb | 1.45 |
| 1 Swift [a device for winding yarn] | .25 |
| 3 Meal bags | .50 |
| 11 Sheets | 2.75 |
| 4 Yards of Diaper [an early type of cloth] | .67 |
| Bed and Pillows | 8.00 |
| 1 Under bed | .50 |
| 20 Blue figured Plates | 1.00 |
| 1 Dozen Wines | .72 |
| 3 Blue figured Platters | 1.50 |
| Snuffers & tray | .33 |
| 22 Knives and forks | 1.00 |
| 3 White Cups and Saucers | .12 |
| Tea Canister and tray | .25 |
| 1 Sled | 1.00 |
| 9 Common chairs | 2.25 |
| 1 Small Steel Yard | 1.00 |
| 2 Shovel and tongs | 1.50 |
| Flat Irons | .50 |
| 5 Bowls | .30 |
| 2 Sugar Bowls and Cream | .25 |
| 1 Steel | .17 |
| Snuffers | .10 |
| 6 Slates | .60 |
| 1 Beaureau | 10.00 |
| 6 Dining Chairs | 2.00 |
| 1 Wash Bowl and Pitcher | 1.50 |
| 1 China Sett | 4.00 |
| 1 Figured bowl | .17 |
| Triming for a Coat | 1.50 |
| Fire dogs | .75 |
| 1 Bedstead and Cord | 1.00 |
| 1 Bedspread and quilt | 1.50 |
| 1 Underbed | .33 |
| 1 Small pine table | .12 |
| Warming Pan | 1.00 |
| 1 Bedstead and cord | 1.00 |
| 2 Sheets | .50 |
| 2 Pillow Cases | .17 |
| 1 Quilt | 1.00 |
| 1 Bedstead and Cord | .75 |
| 2 Sheets | .50 |
| 1 Bedstead and Cord | .75 |
| 2 Sheets | .50 |
| 6 Sheets | 2.00 |
| 22 yards of sheeting | 2.20 |
| 10 Blankets | 6.00 |
| 1 Counterpane | 1.00 |
| 3 Sheets | 1.00 |
| 1 Copper Kittle | 4.00 |
| Small Dogs | .50 |
| 1 Cradle | .50 |
| 3 Coverlets | 3.00 |
| Sole Leather | .25 |
| 2 Quilts | .50 |
| 60 Pounds of Nails | 3.60 |
| Tap Borer | .12 |
| 37 White Bowls | 2.12 |
| 15 Figured Mugs | 1.80 |
| 10 White tea Pots | 1.67 |
| 10 Green edge Plates | .33 |
| 1 Great Wheel | 1.00 |
| Lot of Hops | .50 |
| 1 Sign | .50 |
| 1 Bread tray and pail | .50 |
| 4 Kegs | .17 |
| 3 Baskets | .25 |
| Carpet | .25 |
| 1 Seive | .12 |
| 1 Bolster Cloth | .12 |
| Bedstead and Cord | 1.00 |
| 2 Sheets | .60 |
| 5 Table Cloths | 1.50 |
| 4 Towels | .40 |
| 2 Demijons | 1.00 |
| 5 Bottles | .20 |
| 1 Morter and Pestle | .25 |

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| 12 Pillow Cases | 1.00 | 2 Shawls | 2.25 |
| 2 Dozen Knives and forks | 1.00 | 5 Aprons | .40 |
| 4 Flasks | .34 | 1 Mantle | 1.00 |
| 5 Candlesticks | .40 | 23 Diapers | 1.38 |
| 8 Gowns | 8.00 | 1 Small Blanket | .25 |
| 8 Pair of Stockings | 1.60 | 1 Razor and shaving box | 1.00 |
| 1 Flannel Gown | 1.00 | 3 Firkins | .50 |
| Silk Handkerchief | .75 | 2 Sheets | 2.00 |
| Kid shoes and Gloves | .50 | 28½ ounces of silver | 28.50 |
| 1 Plaid Cloak | 3.00 | 1 Dining Table | 3.00 |
| Cow Hide | 2.20 | 1 Common Table | .50 |
| Wearing appearel of the deceased | 38.50 | 1 Half hhd Tubs | .34 |
| 7 Dollars in cash | 7.00 | 2 Blue edge Platters | .50 |
| 6 Dining Chairs | 5.00 | | |

William's inventory also listed forty-one outstanding notes of those who owed him money. In addition, he owned six shares of stock in the Dover Bank and six shares in the Strafford Bank totaling $1200.00.(10)

On 15 December 1831 the executor of William's estate sold ten pieces of William's property. William's brother, Nathan, attended the sale and signed as a witness of six of the land deeds.(11)

William's third wife, Elizabeth (Remick), unlike the others, must have been of strong constitution. After a marriage of less than three months, she remained his widow for thirty-nine years. She died 27 June 1870, age seventy-one years, five months and five days.(12) In her will, Elizabeth left most of her wealth to her hired man of many years and to her own relatives.

She did give George S. Woodman, of Dover, in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars; to William C. Woodman and Jennie Woodman, children of said George S. Woodman, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each.(13)

*William's children:*

**7-16** i William[7], b. 1820.

**7-17** ii George Smith[7], b. 14 Oct 1822.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 394-397; Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, 13:474.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 97:430, 98:109.
3. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 237; James Richard Joy, *Thomas Joy and His Descendants,* printed for the family, New York, MDCCCC, pp. 38, 43.
4. Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; *Dover Gazette,* 18 Mar 1828; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 76, p. 34 and Vol. 87, p. 351.
5. 1830 U.S. Census.
6. Barrington Town Record found in Cemetery Records at the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
7. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 76, p. 36; William's gravestone.
8. *Graveyards of Barrington, NH,* compiled by members of the Barrington, NH, Historical Society, 1976, pp. 84, 85; Cemetery Records found at the New Hampshire Historical Society.
9. Strafford Co. Probate Record, 41:288.
10. Ibid., 40:396.
11. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds 153:109, 154:306, 180:247, 151:539, 153:153, 218:583, 151:533, 154:187, 200:547, 200:555.
12. Gravestone.
13. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3306.

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Other data:

Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds 107:72, 108:514, 112:414, 113:223, 113:498, 120:442, 129:85, 128:153, 128:183, 135:549, 136:420, 138:189, 138:181, 200:553.

**Lemuel[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-10.** If the date on his tombstone is correct, Lemuel was born in 1760.

When his Uncle Archelaus[4] died in 1786, Lemuel inherited Archelaus' "dwelling house and the whole of my land adjoining and on which the house stands."(1) Now with a house and a little land, Lemuel would have been able to support a wife, and on 5 June 1787 he and Elizabeth (Betsey) Patrick of Durham were married by Reverend Wm. Hooper.(2)

On 2 September 1793, Lemuel was the highest bidder (thirty-two pounds) for the 240 acres in Rochester, New Hampshire, belonging to his Uncle Archelaus, which was being sold to meet financial demands against the estate. On 19 December 1793 Lemuel sold eighty acres of the Rochester land to Stephen Jenkins for thirty-six pounds and the remaining 160 acres to his father, Jonathan[5], for twenty pounds, thus turning a tidy profit of twenty-four pounds in four months.(3)

Lemuel, "being advanced in years and weak of body" made his will 19 November 1839.(4)

> I give and divise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Woodman, all my real and personal estate of every discription, to have and to hold to her my said wife, and to her heirs and assigns forever, excepting that part thereof, which I herein bequeath to my children.
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> I give and divise to my daughter Salley Thompson, one dollar to be paid by my Executor (out of my estate) hereinafter named.
>
> I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Woodman, the occupation and improvement of the westerly room in my dwelling house, a privilege in the cellar, and land for a small garden, to have and to hold to her while she shall remain single and unmarried, and no longer.
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> I give and divise to my daughter Charlotte Woodman the sum of one dollar to be paid by my Executor as aforesaid.
>
> I give and divise to my son Samuel Woodman one dollar to be paid by my Executor as aforesaid.
>
> And I do hereby constitute and appoint John Thompson of said Durham to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.
>
> In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this nineteenth day of November A.D. One thousand and eight hundred and thirty nine.

Lemuel was a farmer, staying on that small piece of ground until the day he died;(5) the only land transactions he ever made were for the 240 acres in Rochester.

There is some confusion about the date of Lemuel's death. His gravestone is inscribed "January 25, 1848, aged 88 years," while court records show his will was probated 4 April 1840. Sometimes the old papers are difficult to read.

Betsey lived with her never-married twin daughters Nancy and Charlotte, until she died 1 March 1861, at the age of ninety-eight. In 1860 Charlotte was listed as head of the household, and Nancy was probably with her.(6)

Lemuel and Betsey, with Charlotte and Nancy, are buried on the old place there in Durham. The cemetery, which faces Little Mast Road, is now part of a cow lot connected to the dairy barns of New Hampshire University, and you may visit there. Lemuel's house still stands at the intersection of the old Concord Road (formerly Route 4) and Mast Road (Route 155A) near the university horse and dairy barns. It is owned by the university and is used as a residence for agricultural employees.(7) Lemuel's house may be much older than the Durham Historic Association thinks because Lemuel inherited that house from his father's Uncle who was Archelaus[4] who died in 1786.

*Lemuel's children:*

**7-18** i Sarah[7], b. 15 Sep 1789.

ii Nancy[7], born about 1789, was a twin to her sister Charlotte. Neither girl married, and they surely lived together all their lives.

On 21 October 1847, for $350.00, Nancy bought Charlotte's interest in an undivided one-third of sixteen acres which had recently been owned by their brother, Samuel.(8)

Nancy made her will 11 March 1850. She gave her "sister Sally Thompson, wife of John Thompson" one share in the Boston & Maine Railroad. All the rest was given to Charlotte. Sally's husband, John Thompson, was executor.(9) An inventory of Nancy's estate after her death 20 July 1872, age eighty-two years, two months, was as follows:

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|---|---|
| 1/2 of land bounded southerly by the New Hampshire Turnpike | 400.00 |
| 1/3 of land bounded northerly by the turnpike and westerly by the Mast Road. | 350.00 |
| One United States Bond | 100.00 |
| One Share in the Boston and Maine R. Road | 130.00 |
| Money in the Strafford Savings Bank | 1,866.71 |
| Money in the Dover five cent Savings Bank | 359.91 |
| three tons of hay | 36.00 |
| One bedstead and bedding | 20.00 |
| Two tables | 5.00 |
| One Looking glass | .50 |
| Six Chairs | 3.00 |
| One Bureau | 3.00 |
| One Stove | 3.00 |
| Six Silver teaspoons | 4.00 |
| Two Silver tablespoons | 5.00 |
| Wearing apparael | 20.00 |
| Two Shares in the New Market Bank | 250.00 |

iii Charlotte[7], a twin to Nancy, seems to have been the more dominant. It was Charlotte who conducted more business and was listed as head of the household in census records. On 18 March 1839 Charlotte and Nancy bought from their brother, Samuel, thirteen acres in Durham, including a building "in the road adjoining the land called the toll house." This was one of the toll houses for the New Hampshire Turnpike, which road bordered the thirteen acres on the south.

In July 1842, Samuel borrowed $500.00 from Charlotte, giving her a mortgage to eighteen acres in Durham. In December of that year Samuel was sued in court and lost the case; now the deputy sheriff was ordered to sell the mortgaged eighteen acres to pay a $400.00 judgment against Samuel. Probably to protect her $500.00 investment, Charlotte bought the eighteen acres for $400.00.(10)

Samuel may never have repaid Charlotte the $500.00, for on 20 January 1864, after Samuel's death, his wife Lydia A. signed the deed declaring she would give up her right of dower in the eighteen acres.

Charlotte must have been lonely those last months after her twin sister Nancy died, for they had lived together more than eighty-two years – neither having married. Charlotte died in February 1873, age eighty-three years, three months. Her will was as follows:(11)

> I give and bequeath to my mother Betsy Woodman the income of three shares of the stock that I own in the Boston and Maine Rail Road during the term of her natural life, and after her decease I give and bequeath the principal of the said three shares to my sisters Sally Thompson, Nancy Woodman and my brother Samuel Woodman, their heirs and assigns forever.
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> I give and bequeath to my said sister Sally Thompson, her heirs and assigns forever one share of the capital stock in the Strafford Bank at Dover, in said county.
>
> I give and devise to my said sister Nancy Woodman, her heirs and assigns forever, all my real estate wherever it may be found, except the family burying ground as it is now enclosed, which I reserve with a right to pass to the same for burial purposes.
>
> I also give and bequeath to the said Nancy, her heirs and assigns forever, All my live Stock, Provision, produce and Household Goods and furniture.
>
> Also during the term of her natural life the interest of two Shares of the Stock in the

> New Market Bank in the County of Rockingham, and after her decease I give and bequeath the principal of the two said shares to my said sister Sally Thompson and said brother Samuel Woodman, their heirs and assigns forever.
>
> Lastly, As to all the rest and residue of my property I give and bequeath the same to the said Sally Thompson, Nancy Woodman and Samuel Woodman their heirs and assigns forever; And I do hereby appoint my nephew John E. Thompson, sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.
>
> In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

On 14 February 1863 Charlotte added a codicil to her will leaving "my niece Abigail J. Thompson one share of the capital stock in the Boston and Maine Rail Road." Charlotte had lived so long her principal legatees were dead except for her sister Sarah Thompson, who by then was eighty-four.

**7-19** iv Samuel[7], b. 1793.

v In the family cemetery is a stone marked, "Mr. Charles Woodman, died 19 Nov 1825, age 25." He may have been a son of Lemuel's but there are no records. It is curious that the stone is inscribed "Mr." Charles, for that title was an affectation of an earlier time in America. It is not certain Charles was their son.

Notes:

1. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 2:277.
2. Madbury, NH, Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 17:62, 63, 69.
4. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 59:340.
5. U.S. Census, 1790-1840.
6. Ibid., 1860.
7. Trustee of Trust Funds, Durham, NH; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 242; a letter from Timothy Dodge, Special Collections of Dimond Library, University New Hampshire, Durham, 28 Jun 1988; Letter from Mary Anna Hatch, Durham Historic Assn., P. O. Box 305, Durham, NH, 03824, 28 Mar 1987.
8. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds,.201:375.
9. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3684; New Hampshire Vital Records.
10. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 181:273; 191:169, 417.
11. New Hampshire Vital Records; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3771.

## Isaac[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-11.** Isaac was born 13 August 1770 in Durham, New Hampshire.(1) On 26 June 1793 Isaac bought forty-five acres from his father Jonathan for 148 pounds and 10 shillings. This was probably on the old "burnt ground" which Isaac's grandfather inherited in 1750.(2)

In March 1797, on the 14th, Isaac married Mary Elizabeth Locke who was born 2 August 1773 in Barrington, New Hampshire, the daughter of William and Betsey (Babb) Locke of Barrington, New Hampshire.

Four months later Isaac bought one hundred acres (lot eighteen, in the 10th range) up in Sandwich, New Hampshire, but there is no record he ever lived there.(3) Between 1799 and 1809 Isaac bought and sold little pieces of land there in Durham until 4 January 1809 when he sold his brother Jonathan "50 acres in Durham, near where Patience Woodman lived . . . all the land conveyed to me by my father Jonathan, decd., being all his homestead farm . . . reserving 1/4 a. for a burying place."(4)

On 6 January 1809, calling himself from Barrington, Isaac bought lot #5 in the 3rd range of lots up in Peeling, New Hampshire, which later became Woodstock.(5) Isaac had financial problems on that farm, located as it was in the White Mountains. A grandson said it was mostly mountain and

***Isaac Woodman homestead in Woodstock, New Hampshire 1898***

timber with very little plow land and they had a family of ten children. The land was mortgaged for many years. By 1825 Isaac's son Alexander had become a co-owner; by 1828 Isaac and Mary had made an arrangement with Alexander that he would own the land but they would be permitted to live on the land and use its income during their lifetimes.(6)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "Isaac was said to have been a vigorous farmer, clearing and establishing a home in the forest. He was a Universalist and a man of sterling qualities. He became violently ill while working in the fields and although a doctor was summoned, he failed to regain consciousness." He died 27 October 1832.(7)

Isaac had died without a will, leaving Mary with three minor children – Freeman, twenty; Mary Ann, sixteen; and Charles, age ten. Mary appeared in Probate Court. She was far advanced in life, she said, and felt herself unable to administer her husband's estate. She asked the court to appoint her eldest son, Alexander, as administrator of her husband's affairs.

An inventory of the estate was as follows:

**Real Estate**

One Lot of Land situated in said town of Peeling: being Lot numbered three in the fourth Range of Lots in said Peeling containing one hundred acres, partly under improvement and one half in common of a small barn thereon standing estimated at $175.00

**Personal Property:**

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| 1 | Red Cow valued at | 13.50 |
| 1 | Brindled Cow | 13.00 |
| 1 | Red two-year-old heifer | 15.00 |
| 1 | pair of two-year-old Steers | 27.50 |
| 1 | Yearling heifer | 8.00 |
| 1 | last Spring Calf | 3.00 |
| 1 | Red Mare | 45.00 |
| 5 | Sheep at $1.67 per head | 8.35 |
| 2 | Swine one barrow at 4.00 one Sow at 3.00 | 7.00 |
| 5 | Tons of hay at $4.00 per ton | 20.00 |
| 1 | pair of old Cart wheels | 2.00 |
| 12 | harrow teeth at 9 each | 1.50 |
| 1 | Draft chain 12 lbs 96cts one Do. 10 1/2 lbs 84cts | 1.80 |
| 1 | Steer yoke with ring and staple | .34 |

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| 1 | Steer yoke ring, staple and bows | .50 |
| 1 | Old hoe and handle 17cts one Do. 12cts | .29 |
| 1 | Cops and pin | .50 |
| 4 | old syths 25cts 4 old Syths 34 | .59 |
| 1 | Dung fork 10cts one pitch fork 8cts | .18 |
| 1 | Sythe snath and riging | .12 |
| 1 | Old handsaw 12cts 1 Chisel 8cts 1 gauge 6 | .26 |
| 1 | Inch screw Auger 10cts 1 Rasp 6cts | .16 |
| 1 | jointer stock 16cts 1 Plane Do. 14 | .30 |
| | A small Lot of old iron | .50 |
| 1 | old half bushel 8cts one old Saddle 34 | .40 |
| 1 | old bridle 16cts Old saddle bags 8cts | .24 |
| 1 | gun and iron gunstick | 1.50 |
| 1 | fire shovel and tongs weight 10 lbs | 1.00 |
| 1 | pair of small Steelyards | .34 |
| 6 | old kitchen Chairs at 6 each | .50 |
| 3 | old Dining Chairs at 6 each | .25 |
| 2 | old water pails 8cts 1 milk pan 20cts | .28 |
| 1 | pailful Pot. 34cts 1 old tea kettle 12cts | .46 |
| 1 | frying pan 10cts 1 pine table 34cts | .44 |
| 1 | Small dish kettle 17cts 1 three pail kettle 50 | .67 |
| 1 | five pail kettle | 2.00 |
| 3 | old milk pans 16cts 1 puding pot 5cts | .21 |
| 3 | old case knives and six forkes | .25 |
| 1 | candle stick 5cts one pair of shears 8cts | .13 |
| 1 | Earthern ware tea pot 8cts 1 tin tea pot 6cts | .14 |
| 1 | old Black tin tea pot 8cts 1 sugar bowl 5 | .13 |
| 1 | tin Culander 8cts 2 tin qt dishes 5 each | .18 |
| 1 | tin dish 6cts one tin skimmer 2cts | .08 |
| 1 | tea canister 4cts 1 old tin trumpet 4 | .08 |
| 1 | Can bottle 6cts 1 brown bowl 4cts | .10 |
| 1 | White 1qt. Bowl 8cts 1 pint do. 8cts | .16 |
| 8 | flowered earthern plates | .50 |
| 2 | pewter plates 16 nine old earthern Do. 34 | .50 |
| 6 | old tea cups and 8 saucers | .17 |
| 1 | cream pitcher 4cts 4 teaspoons 4 | .08 |
| 1 | tin dipper 6cts 2 old mugs 5 one tumbler 6 | .17 |
| 1 | tin to bake on 8cts 1 old bacon 6cts | .14 |
| 1 | deep earthern plate 6 one old morter 4 | .10 |
| 1 | small jug 6 three old spoons 3cts | .09 |
| 1 | gallon bottle 4cts 2 old wash tubs 6 | .10 |
| 1 | old Churn 16cts one other old tub 6 | .22 |
| 1 | old grid iron 4cts one other old table 50 | .54 |
| 1 | Cheese hoop and ladder 6 one old basket 10 | .16 |
| 1 | small basket 12 one old tub 8 | .20 |
| 2 | sap tubs at 50 cents each | 1.00 |
| 1 | Fire iron and one hook | .50 |
| 5 | old cider barrels No. from 1 to 5 appraised as follows | |
| | No 1-40 No 2-16 No 3-17 No 4-12 No 5-16 | 1.01 |
| 1 | old hogshead 50cts 1 soap tub 10-1 old cask 8 | .68 |
| 100 | pounds of Pork and barrel | 5.00 |
| 12 | bushels of Potatoes at 20cts per bushel | 2.40 |
| 4 | pounds of butter and earthern pot | .56 |
| | Old Spectacles and case | .12 |
| 1 | Red kitchen Cupboard | 1.25 |
| 1 | old tin Lantern 8cts 1 nail hammer 4 | .12 |
| 1 | old Loom .50cts 2 bushels of poor corn | 1.50 |
| 1 | bushel of Seed corn | 1.00 |
| 1 | Meal Chest and Meal | .75 |
| 1 | old box and old barrel | .16 |
| 1 | Woollen Wheel 1.00 one grist Wheel 16cts | 1.16 |
| 1/2 | bushel of peas and box 25cts 1 old rake hoe 4 | .29 |
| 1 | small chest 8cts 1 old box 4 | .12 |
| 1 | Feather bed 10 No. 1- 42 lbs | 4.20 |
| 1 | Do. No. 2-29 lbs | 2.90 |
| 1 | Do. No. 3-16 lbs at 8cts per lb | 1.20 |
| 1 | Under bed for No. 1-34 – for No. 2-25 -1 for No. 3-25 | .84 |
| 1 | Bedstead for No. 1 and cover | 1.00 |

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| 1 | Do. for No. 2 – [Do. = ditto] | .84 |
| 1 | Bed quilt for No. 1-2.00 -1 Patch Do. 1.00 | 3.00 |
| 1 | Coverlet for No. 1-1.25 -1 pair of blankets | 2.00 |
| 1 | Old quilt for No. 1-25cts-1 pair of sheets 67 | .82 |
| 2 | Pillow cases for No. 1-10 – 1 old warming pan | .60 |
| 1 | bed quilt for No. 2-2.00 – 1 small Do. 40 | 1.40 |
| 1 | old Do. – Do. 30 one Blanket 35 | .65 |
| 1 | sheet for No. 2-20 – 2 pillow cases 16 | .36 |
| 1 | pair of sheets for No. 2 | .75 |
| 1 | Coverlet for No. 3-50cts one old Do. – 20 | .70 |
| 1 | bed quilt for No. 3-70cts 1 pair of sheets 1.00 | 1.70 |
| 1 | pair pillow cases for No. 3 | .20 |
| 1 | old patch quilt 40cts 1 Do. 40 -1 Do. 50 | 1.30 |
| 3 | Pillow cases 8cts ea. | .24 |
| 1 | Large table cloth 50 – 1 Do. 40 – 1 Do. 20 | 1.10 |
| 1 | old table cloth 30 – 1 roller towel 25 | .55 |
| 1 | other roller towel 25cts 6 small towels 48 | .73 |
| 1 | old case of Drawers [chest of drawers] | 2.00 |
| 1 | weavers reed 1.00 one set of harness | 1.17 |
| 1 | Bible 20cts American Farrier 20 | .40 |
| 1 | Great coat 1.00 1 short bodice coat 50 | 1.50 |
| 1 | pair Woollen pantaloons | 1.00 |
| 1 | Waistcoat 50cts 1 pair of thin pantaloons | .80 |
| 1 | pair of stockings 16cts 1 Do. 10cts | .26 |
| 1 | wool hat 25 – 1 pair of shirts 1.00 | 1.25 |
| 1 | Meal bag 34 – 1 Do. 16cts | .50 |
| 1 | 4 feet Chest 1.00 – 1 Razor 10 | 1.10 |
| 1 | pair of thin boots 50cts 1 Do. thick boots 16 | .66 |
| | total | $413.34 |

On the 4th of February 1833 Mary Locke Woodman appeared before the probate court and submitted " . . . Your petitioner by the wise provinence of God has been deprived of her late husband Isaac Woodman, that she would acknowledge with thankfulness many mercies through life but has also struggled hard with an unfriendly world to obtain a comfortable living. She would further represent that her late husband not being able to pay for the farm on which he last lived, he sold it to his eldest son and I gave up my right therein so that at the time of his death he owned but one lot of land on which there is no dwelling house and but little improvement. Her children also in low circumstances as to property and she being now far advanced in life and quite infirm in body humbly prays your honor to grant and allow her so much of the personal estate as you in your wisdom shall think best and she humbly trusts that your honor will not disregard the cry of the poor and needy . . . ."

The court ruled that the widow be allowed to choose from the inventory of the personal estate items totaling $100.00.(8)

Mary lived until 19 August 1860 – twenty-eight long years as a widow. Freeman Woodman said his grandmother Mary lived with them until they went West in 1848. In 1850 Mary was living in Thornton, New Hampshire with her youngest daughter Mary Anne Woodman Russell. Addie Woodman Berry wrote, "I can just remember how father used to send me up to see Grandmother Woodman once a week with tobacco, for she smoked. I would sit at her feet and she would pat me and tell me stories."(9) Mary and Isaac are buried in Thornton, New Hampshire.

*Isaac's children:*

**7-20** i Elizabeth Locke[7], b. 4 Jun 1798.
ii Clarissa[7], b. 3 May 1800; d. 1804.
**7-21** iii Alexander[7], b. 27 Aug 1801.
**7-22** iv Ira[7], b. 6 or 16 Jul 1803.
**7-23** v Nathaniel J.[7], b. 15 Dec 1804.
**7-24** vi Caroline[7], b. 5 Sep 1806.

**7-25** vii Joseph[7], b. 31 May 1809.

viii Freeman[7], b. 19 Mar 1812. Freeman Woodman wrote, "My Uncle Freeman died young. If he had left any widow or been married I am certain I should of known it."(10) Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought Freeman married 13 Sep 1834, but he did not have the name of the bride. Addie C. Woodman Berry wrote, "Freeman did die young – lived down country – was married. That's all I know of him."(11)

**7-26** ix Mary Ann[7], b. 1 May 1816.

**7-27** x Charles[7], b. 24 Mar 1822 according to Charles' tombstone.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 395.
2. Strafford Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, 30:198.
3. Ibid., 27:19; Town records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
4. Ibid., 30:309, 30:310, 33:316, 34:208, 34:209, 49:373, 64:287.
5. Grafton Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Woodsville, NH, 71:157.
6. Ibid., 71:158, 97:102, 123:209, 122:435, 122:436.
7. New Hampshire Vital Records; Cemetery Records from New Hampshire Historical Society.
8. Grafton Co. Probate Records, 1773-1900.
9. A letter from Addie C. Woodman Berry, Northwood, NH, 28 Aug 1921.
10. A letter from Freeman Woodman, Santa Ana, CA, 15 Sep 1921.
11. A letter from Addie C. Woodman Berry, 7 Sep 1921.

## Moses[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-12.** Moses was born in Durham, New Hampshire. According to his gravestone, Moses was born about 1774; New Hampshire Vital Records indicate he was born about 1779.

The first public record of Moses is in 1800 when he witnessed a land deed for his brother Isaac. Fourteen years would pass before Moses got some land of his own. In February 1814 he bought fifteen acres in Durham from Benjamin Thompson; in the deed he was called a "joiner" (a highly skilled carpenter).(1)

Moses had his land only seven months when he signed up as a sergeant with Captain Alfred Smith's Company of Artillery for the War of 1812. (This Moses of Durham who served in the War of 1812 might also have been Moses[6] [Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]]). The company, under Waldron's command, was detached from the 25 Regiment of Militia stationed at the south ropewalk in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. (A ropewalk was a long, low shed, in which the rope was made. In his book *Ports of Piscataqua,* Saltonstall wrote that the south ropewalk in Portsmouth was used as barracks for soldiers in the War of 1812.) Moses served from 11 September 1814 to 28 September 1814. With a pay rate of $12 per month, Moses received $7.20 for his 18 days as a soldier.(2)

On 13 October 1817 Moses married Elizabeth Snell of Lee, New Hampshire who was the daughter of John Snell and his third wife Elizabeth (Caldwell).(3)

Moses bought and sold several little pieces of property there in Durham, but he must have been pleased when on 12 March 1824 his brother Jonathan sold him forty acres which was part of their father's homestead farm. Moses made two more small purchases of land, giving him at the time of his death about ninety-five acres.(4)

It isn't clear when Elizabeth died; the last record of her is 24 October 1835 when she signed a land deed giving up her dower. The date of death on her gravestone is 21 March 1838.(5)

Moses never married again; in 1850 he was living in Durham with his daughter Emily and son Moses Gilman.(6)

On 2 April 1851 Moses made his will with the following provisions:

He gave $25.00 each to his two eldest daughters Eliza Grover, wife of Noard Grover of Brooks, ME, and Margery S. Chesley, wife of Daniel Chesley of Madbury, New Hampshire; Emily Woodman, received two of his best featherbeds, bedsteads and bedding and $75.00.

Moses left to his son, Jacob S., "my Beech Hill pasture (so called) in Durham containing about twenty acres . . . Also ten acres of my homestead farm in said Durham, being the northerly end of my Frost field (so called) and lying on said Beach Hill road." The remainder of his estate was given to his youngest son, Moses Gilman. Jacob S. was appointed the executor.(7)

Although Moses is not listed in the 1810 or 1820 U.S. Census of Durham, he must surely have spent his entire life right there; he owned land in Durham from 1814 until his death. In fact, the 1820 U.S. Census lists no Woodmans at all in Durham, which is an error.

Early land deeds give Moses' occupation as a joiner; by 1836 Moses was called a "house carpenter." By the time he was about sixty he may have given up his trade; his last land deeds call him a farmer. Moses died 14 February 1852. An inventory of his estates is a follows:(8)

**Real Estate:**

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| The late Homestead of said deceased situate in said Durham containing by estimation seventy acres | $2300.00 |
| The Beach Hill pasture situate [sic] in said Durham containing about twenty-five acres | 700.00 |
| | 3000.00 |

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| | **Cash on hand** | 25.00 | | | |
| | **Live Stock** | | | **Provisions & Produce** | |
| 1 | Horse | 30.00 | 7 | Tons of Hay | 50.00 |
| 6 | Sheep | 15.00 | 40 | Bushels of Corn | 30.00 |
| 2 | Oxen | 85.00 | 65 | Bushels of Potatoes | 20.00 |
| 4 | Cows | 80.00 | 8 | Bushels of Rye | 6.00 |
| 2 | 2 year old Steers | 45.00 | 2 | Kegs of Pork | 22.00 |
| 1 | year old Heifer | 7.00 | 6 | Bushels of Oats | 2.50 |
| 2 | Hogs | 18.00 | 8 | Barrels of Cider | 10.00 |
| | | 280.00 | 1 | Keg of Soap | 2.00 |
| | | | | | 142.50 |
| | **Farming Utensils & Mechanic's Tools** | | | | |
| 1 | Pair of Ox Wheels Cart & c. [sic] | 18.00 | 1 | Ox Sled & Clevice | 1.75 |
| 1 | Hay Cart | 1.00 | 2 | Narrow Axes | 1.50 |
| 1 | Pair of old wheels | 3.50 | 1 | Chest of Mechanic's Tools | 5.00 |
| 1 | Ox Plow | 3.00 | 1 | Marsh Tub | .50 |
| 1 | Horse Cultivator | 1.50 | | | 69.35 |
| 1 | Horse Harrow | .25 | | **Household Furniture** | |
| 1 | Ox Harrow | .75 | 1 | Feather bed bedstead and bedding | 7.00 |
| 1 | Pair of Chaise wheels | 1.00 | 1 | Do [means "ditto"] | 2.00 |
| 8 | Ox Yokes Bows & Irons | 4.00 | 1 | Writing Desk | .50 |
| 5 | Hay Forks | 1.25 | 1 | Case of Drawers | .25 |
| 1 | Manure Fork | .50 | 1 | Bureau | 3.00 |
| 1 | Steel Shovel | .50 | 1 | Table | .75 |
| 1 | Horse Rake | 5.00 | 1 | Light Stand | .25 |
| 1 | Hand Rake | .10 | 6 | Chairs | 1.50 |
| 5 | Ox Chains | 4.00 | 1 | Clock | 1.25 |
| 3 | Scythes & Sneaths | 1.50 | 1 | Looking Glass | .75 |
| 1 | Iron Bar | .50 | 1 | Fire Set | .50 |
| 3 | Hoes | .25 | 2 | Wash Tubs | .75 |
| 1 | Beetle [a heavy wooden mallet] & 2 Iron wedges | .50 | 1 | Churn | 1.00 |
| 2 | Grind Stones | 1.50 | 1 | Feather bed bedstead & bedding | 4.00 |
| 7 | Baskets | 1.00 | 1 | Table | .50 |
| 1 | Sleigh & Harness | 4.00 | 1 | Spinning Wheel | .50 |
| 1 | Horse Waggon | 7.00 | | | 24.50 |
| | | 60.60 | | | |
| | | | | A quantity of tin Do. | 1.50 |
| | | | 2 | Pieces of Pewter ware | 1.00 |
| 1 | Brass Kettle | 1.00 | 2 | Cases of Knives & Forks | 1.00 |
| | Sundry pieces of Iron Ware | 1.00 | | A quantity of tin ware | .50 |

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| 1 | Pair of Steel Yards [scales for weighing] | .50 | 2 | Flat Irons | .50 |
| 1 | Table | .25 | | | 45.00 |
| 2 | Water Pails | .25 | | **Wearing Apparel** | 5.00 |
| 9 | Chairs | .75 | | **Miscellaneous Articles** | |
| 1 | Arm Chair | .50 | 11 | Cords of Oak & Pine wood | 20.00 |
| 1 | Feather bed bedstead | 5.00 | 2 | Buffaloe Robes | 7.00 |
| 1 | Fire Set | .50 | | Sundry parcels of Iron | 2.00 |
| 1 | Cook Stove | 2.00 | 1 | Musket | 1.00 |
| 1 | Looking Glass | .25 | 1 | Stone Hammer | .50 |
| | Quantity of Crockery and Glass Ware | 4.00 | | A lot of Casks & Boxes | 2.00 |
| | | 40.50 | | 1 Scalding Tub | .50 |
| | | | | | 33.00 |

Moses was buried in the cemetery on the old homestead farm which was part of the land Captain John got in 1693/4. Although the land is now part of the horticultural farm belonging to the University of New Hampshire, it is still called the Woodman Farm and anyone can visit the Moses Woodman Cemetery. The gravestones are inscribed as follows:(9)

> ALICE WOODMAN / died / Mar 15, 1860 / Aet. 93 years [she is Alice[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])].
> SUSAN / daughter of / Moses & Elizabeth / WOODMAN / died / Apr 16, 1827 / Aet. 10 mos. & 10ds.
> ELIZABETH / wife of / Moses WOODMAN / died / Mar 21, 1838 / Aet. 52 yrs. / 11 mos. & 25 dys.
> MOSES WOODMAN / died / Feb 14, 1852 / Aet. 78 yrs.
> HANNAH F. / wife of / Moses G. WOODMAN / died / May 2, 1894 / Aet. 62 yrs. / 10 mos. & 25 dys.
> MOSES G. WOODMAN / died / Feb 2, 1916 / Aet. 85 yrs. / 2 mos. & 29 dys.

There are seven additional graves here – marked with field stones, but without names. They must be graves of Jonathan[4] & wife, Elizabeth; Jonathan[5] & wife, Patience; Jonathan[4]'s daughter Hannah.

*Moses' children:*(10)

**7-28** i Elizabeth[7], b. 6 Nov 1818.
**7-29** ii Margery Steele[7], b. 22 Jun 1821.
**7-30** iii Jacob S.[7], b. about 29 Oct 1823.
iv Susan[7], d. 16 Apr 1827, age ten months and ten days. She is buried with her parents in the family graveyard.
**7-31** v Emily[7], b. about 1829.
**7-32** vi Moses Gilman[7], b. 3 Nov 1830.

Notes:

1. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 34, p. 209; Vol. 103, p. 336; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 397.
2. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 152; Chandler E. Potter, *Military History of New Hampshire 1623-1861,* p. 198; Moses' Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
3. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 345, 397; *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* Charles W. Tibbetts, Editor and Publisher, Dover, NH, Vol. IV, Jan 1907-Oct 1907, p. 129.
4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 103, p. 252; Vol. 123, p. 82; Vol. 126, p. 243; Vol. 168, p. 302; Vol. 214, p. 51.
5. Ibid., Vol. 166, p. 568.
6. 1850 U.S. Census.
7. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #632.
8. Ibid., Vol. 67, p. 60 (inventory).
9. Cemetery records; Trustee of Trust Funds, Durham, NH 03824, 18 Jul 1983; New Hampshire Vital Records.
10. *History of Durham, NH,* p. 397; Strafford Co. Probate, Docket #632; Cemetery Records.

**Joseph[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-13.** Joseph was born in 1785 in Durham, New Hampshire.(1) He first met his future bride, Sally Williams, when she came to his father's house to spin. Sally, a daughter of John Williams of Lee, New Hampshire, and Joseph were married 22 November 1810.(2)

By 1814 they were in Barrington, New Hampshire living on the north side of the turnpike. Joseph, a joiner (skilled carpenter), built or improved a two-story house which he mortgaged several times while he and Sally raised eleven children. In 1828 Sally even sold her right of dower in their property for $100.00. But this was the house where they would live the rest of their lives.(3)

Joseph's daughter-in-law Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) said of Joseph and Sally, "Father was about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed about 190 pounds, wore a full beard, had dark eyes and complexion. He was a Democrat and a Universalist.

"Mother Woodman," Martha E. continued, "was of a very light complexion with curly golden hair and blue eyes. She had a fine form, very erect, and medium tall. Mother was a kind, loving wife and mother and well-liked by everyone. One day a tramp peddler came to her attempting to sell his wares. She tried to discourage him and, finally, when he would not take the broadest of hints to leave, she made him go and showed quite a temper in telling him so. He went down the turnpike to a neighbor and asked to have a pot of 'snapping wood (hemlock) tea' brewed, so that he might send it back to 'that Mrs. Woodman so she could snap her way clear into h___!' "

Joseph was said to have been highly esteemed in his community. He was subject to much fever which eventually wrecked him physically and it was the primary cause of his death. He wanted one of his sons to operate the farm but none would do so until his death. At that time the son Seth Walker took over.(4)

*Joseph Woodman*

*Sally (Williams) Woodman*

Actually Joseph's eldest son Seth, his wife Louisa and three small children were living with Joseph and Sally in 1850, six years before Joseph died.(5)

Joseph died 3 January 1856. He is buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Barrington. "He's where the weary rest," go the words on his tombstone, "From care and toil and pain; / No sickness or destroying death / Shall trouble him again." Sally lived on for years. It is inscribed on the gravestone with Joseph that she died 18 December 1871 at eighty-one years.(6)

*Joseph's children:*(7)

7-33 i Seth Walker[7], b. 23 Jul 1813.

7-34 ii Sarah[7], b. 24 Nov 1814.

7-35 iii True William[7], b. 25 Jul 1818.

iv Joseph C.[7], was b. 27 Feb 1819. He married Sarah Ann Demerett.(8) They seem always to have lived in Somersworth, NH, where he was a carpenter and probably a part-time farmer, as well.(9)

Joseph C. died 22 September 1869. When the inventory of his estate was taken, the committee listed 1 1/4 acre of land in Somersworth worth $125.00 and $349.00 in farming utensils, mechanics tools, provisions & produce, household furniture and miscellaneous articles. The administrator recommended the estate be handled as an insolvent one and Sarah A. sold the land on 8 June 1870 for $10.00.(10)

Two Joseph Woodmans lived in Somersworth. It is said Joseph C. was known as "Carpenter Joe" to distinguish him from his cousin Joseph Woodman, the tailor, whom they called "Tailor Joe."(11) Joseph C. is said to have been 5 feet 6 inches tall, heavyset with broad shoulders, dark hair and gray eyes – a good-looking man.(12)

After Joseph C. died, Sarah A. is supposed to have lived with, and kept house for, her husband's nephew, Otis E., until she died about 1904. But she was not in Otis' household in Lee, NH in 1900. There is a Sarah A. Pierce, born June 1823, shown living with Otis then; she is listed as a servant. But there is no record Sarah A. married again. Sarah A.'s death has not been found.(13)

7-36 v James Monroe[7], b. 9 Nov 1821.

7-37 vi John Edgeley[7], b. 10 Nov 1823.

vii Elizabeth A.[7], was b. 7 Jul 1827. She is buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Barrington with her parents. Her gravestone says she died "1 Oct 1844 Aet. 11 years, 6 mos."(14)

viii Charles Leonard[7], b. 7 Jul 1829 in Barrington, NH.(15) At the age of thirteen Charles L. joined a brother (probably True William) in Great Falls (Somersworth), NH where they started a bakery business. By the time he was twenty he had built an oven there and began his own business.

Charles L. married Martha Elizabeth Givins. She is said to have been born in 1849 in Brunswick, ME, the daughter of a shipbuilder, Humphrey C. and Jennie Stanwood (Kincaid) Givin.

By 1854 the twenty-five-year-old Charles L. had left the old granite state and moved West to fast-growing Chicago where he first worked as a superintendent at a bakery at the corner of Dearborn and Illinois Street, making the princely sum of $15.00 per week while an ordinary worker labored for six to eight dollars. He soon purchased that bakery and by the time the Civil War started he was baking for the military at Camp Douglas and for the steamers on the Great Lakes. The military contracts, in addition to his expansion with other bakeries, started him on a path to success and wealth.

Following the Civil War Charles L. entered the wholesale baking business and increased his production of crackers. Then came the great Chicago fire of 1871 in which he lost his bakeries and a beautiful home on Illinois Street. Answering Chicago's pressing need for bread after the fire, Charles L. somehow started up again and within thirty days he was turning 100 barrels of flour into bread each day. By 1873 Charles L. used 30,000 barrels of flour a year, producing 1,500,000 loaves

of bread and 75,000 barrels of crackers.

Many of the crackers Charles L. baked for the military were called "hardtack" by soldiers. Hardtack was a three inch square solid cracker, nearly half an inch thick; it was the staple of the Civil War soldier's diet.(16)

In the 1980's an archaeological dig was conducted in the field where General Custer and all his men were killed at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. Of the articles found there, "The most engaging American relic," wrote Evan S. Connell, "is the lid of a metal cracker box subtly stained by a century of verdigris, labeled in the ornate calligraphic style of a more elegant age: C. L. Woodman & Co., Chicago."(17)

But Charles L. seems never to have financially recovered from his losses during the fire, and was forced to give up his business. His wife was to say later that the cause of his business failure was because he had been cheated by a dishonest partner who had stolen nearly everything and the shock of it had deeply affected Charles. By 1878 Charles had opened a restaurant at 61 Washington Street.

Soon after his arrival in Chicago, Charles L. had become active in the affairs of the city. He served as alderman from 1862 through 1865 and again from 1871 through 1875. He participated in decisions to deepen the Chicago River and improve its mouth and to build the great Lake Tunnel.(18) Charles was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Corinthian Chapter #69 until the great fire destroyed their building.(19)

Around the time of Charles L.'s business failure, he was severely injured while boarding a street car and was unable to work for a while. In fact, he seems never to have fully recovered from the injury of the accident and the injuries inflicted by his financial losses.

He probably died 24 August 1884. His torn obituary says that Charles L. died of dropsy of the heart and that he had been confined to his house for only three days before his final illness. His wife Martha Elizabeth said that Charles L. died suddenly while sitting on the side of the bed discussing business one morning with his arms about her.(20)

On the day of his funeral, members of Oriental Lodge #33 AF & AM proceeded by carriage to Charles L.'s house at 1804 Indiana where they participated in his burial ceremony.(21)

Martha Elizabeth described Charles L. as "rather stout, finely formed, had keen eyes and with an open, frank countenance. He had a large well-rounded forehead, fine nose, firm chin and well-balanced head. He wore chin whiskers, was rather bald-headed, with a light complexion."(22)

An inventory of Charles L.'s estate in June of 1885 revealed the depth of his financial problems. He owned only an undivided one-half of a restaurant and bakery at 61 East Washington Street. His $5000.00 life insurance policy had been signed over to secure a loan in 1881. Two notes Charles L. held were rated "desperate"; only nine of his accounts receivable were called good; while the other twenty-seven were termed doubtful or desperate.

On February 27, 1889, the Cook County Probate Court had a hearing in "the matter of HEIRSHIP" of Charles Leonard's estate. In the twelve-page document Martha Elizabeth testified that Charles Leonard was about twenty-three years old when she met him; that she was the only wife he ever had. And then the court asked her, one-by-one, for the names and ages of all of Charles L.'s relatives and she named them with great accuracy. It isn't clear why such a procedure was held, nor why it occurred nearly five years after Charles' death.(23)

On New Year's Eve 1908, Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "Mrs. Charles Leonard Woodman of Macon, Illinois came on a visit to me . . . She remained with me quite awhile, as well as with my father, and we never ceased admiring her. Her speech was so precise, inflection so pronounced, her manners so graceful, that she served as a model for my sisters who were very young at the time. She was full of fun, advice and stories . . . She promised to write when she left

but I've never heard from her since. She was the most refined and graceful lady of her age I ever met . . . [She] had beautiful gowns and I remember a chamois pouch with quite a number of lovely diamonds."

Martha Elizabeth was called Aunt Lizzie by the family. It was she who provided the description of all the old family members – even Joseph[6] and his wife Sally, for she had known them all, and she constantly regaled Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. and his sisters with stories. She had, she said, met Abraham Lincoln, and talked with him several times. She told how in 1861 she had kissed Colonel Ellsworth goodbye and begged him not to try to take down the Confederate flag which was flying in Alexandria, VA across the Potomac from the Capitol. Ellsworth, of course, was killed in the effort, thus becoming one of the first victims and heroes to die in the Civil War.

Aunt Lizzie said she and the Prince of Wales (he later became King Edward VII of England) led the ball when he visited Chicago. Aunt Lizzie said her father had been particular that she and her sister should not meet boys. They attended a private school for girls and spent the rest of the time on their father's yacht. Elijah Franklin, Jr. thought she met Charles Leonard in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He had the most beautiful eyes, Martha E. said, and immediately fell in love with him. Martha E. and Charles evaded her father and governess and were married.

Her best story, however, involves King Henry The Silent, the King's Farm, and Trinity Church in New York City. Aunt Lizzie said her grandfather was Patrick, the youngest son of the Earl of Kincaid of Scotland; her grandmother was Affia Toothaker. Now the genealogy becomes so involved I cannot understand it. But one of Aunt Lizzie's ancient relations was, I think, the daughter of Henry The Silent of Holland. Henry The Silent sent Elizabeth's relative, a Mrs. Jeans, along with his sons, Wainscot and Wainfield to New Amsterdam – now New York City – to buy a one-hundred-acre farm; it was called The King's Farm. One of these sons leased the land for ninety-nine years. The land is in the heart of New York City where Trinity Church now stands and is valued at millions of dollars. When the term of the lease expired the heirs tried to regain their property and procured Aaron Burr, as their counsel. Burr won the suit, but the case was appealed and was in litigation for years.(24)

I don't know what to make of Aunt Lizzie and her stories. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought she was born in 1849, which would make her twenty years younger than Charles Leonard. She would have been but five years old when Charles Leonard went to Chicago and I do not have a date of their marriage. Perhaps she did kiss Colonel Ellsworth goodbye before he died, but this was 1861 and Lizzie would have been twelve. Abraham Lincoln died by the time she was sixteen.

I did engage a researcher to check the Prince of Wales' trip to Chicago and she wrote that the Prince of Wales did visit Chicago on 22 September 1860. He was on his way to hunt in Dwight, Illinois, and the Prince asked that there be no reception in his honor in Chicago. After staying overnight the Prince rode in a carriage down Michigan Avenue on his way to the train station. "She (Aunt Lizzie) might have danced with the Prince in Dwight," wrote my researcher, "but there is no record he danced in Chicago." In the late 1600's Trinity Church in New York City did lease land called the King Farm, a substantial piece of property north of the city . . . which was later to become the most important financial asset of Trinity Parish and the source of many of its troubles as well.(25) But the history of the lease and the resulting lawsuits is very long and very involved and I've made no effort to fit Aunt Lizzie's relations into the story.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "Naturally I have not personally investigated any of the above. But she was forever talking about it and knew all the facts so well that I have not the least doubt of its accuracy." He never heard from her again.

Minnetta May Wiesner wrote, "My Aunt Lizzie died at the Masonic Home in Chicago and is buried there."(26)

Joseph Gardner Woodman of the Isaac[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1]) family wrote to Elijah Franklin, Jr. about Aunt Lizzie. "The Aunt Lizzie you speak of was not a favorite in our family as she was a southern sympathizer and hoped to God that none of my brothers would live through the Civil War. She came near being mobbed when Lincoln was shot. She was a great talker [the underlining is Joseph Gardner's]. Perhaps I ought not to have said that about the dead," Joseph G. said contritely, "but I could not help it."(27)

*Charles L.'s children:*

In testimony in the Cook County Probate Office following Charles L.'s death, Aunt Lizzie testified that she and Charles L. had six children – that all had died before their father and that the eldest one had lived to be 12½ years old.(28)

**7-38** ix Hannah Rebecca[7], b. 11 Aug 1831.
**7-39** x Benjamin Franklin[7], b. 19 Dec 1834.
**7-40** xi Dexter Eaton[7], b. 6 Apr 1838.
xii An unnamed child(29).

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 397-8.
2. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes as told to him by Martha Elizabeth (Givins) Woodman.
3. 1830-40-50 U.S. Census, Barrington, NH; Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, 99:282, 107:19, 127:567, 129:486, 134:267, 135:537, 137:2, 132:213, 143:55.
4. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
5. 1850 U.S. Census, Barrington, NH.
6. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; *Graveyards of Barrington, NH,* compiled by members of the Barrington, NH Historical Society, 1976, p. 89.
7. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 397-8; Cook Co., IL Probate Records, Docket #8, p. 63, Box 3, Case #2458.
8. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398.
9. 1850 U.S. Census; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 226:337.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3199; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 248:74.
11. Letters from Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, probably 1921.
12. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.'s notes as would have been told to him by Martha Elizabeth (Givins) Woodman (Lizzie who married Charles Leonard Woodman).
13. 1900 U.S. Census, Lee, NH.
14. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; *Graveyards of Barrington, NH,* p. 89.
15. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398.
16. M. L. Ahern, *The Great Revolution, History of the Peoples' Party in the City of Chicago 1873-1875,* pp. 226-227; Bruce Catton, *The Army of the Potomac; Mr. Lincoln's Army,* Doubleday & Co., Inc., Garden City, NY, 1962, p. 181; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
17. Evan S. Connell, *Son of the Morning Star,* North Point Press, San Francisco, CA, 1984, p. 349.
18. A. T. Andreas, *History of Chicago,* Vol. II and Vol. III, A. T. Andreas Co., Publisher, Chicago, IL 1885, 1886. Vol. II, pp. 49, 50; Vol. III p. 101, 854.
19. Ibid., Vol. II, p. 651.
20. Cook Co., IL Probate Records, Box 3, Case #2458, Docket #8, p. 63; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
21. Part of Charles L.'s obituary, Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, IL; M. L. Ahern, *The Great Revolution,* 1874, pp. 226-27.
22. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
23. Probate Records, Cook Co., Chicago, IL, Docket #8, p. 63, Box 3, Case #2458.
24. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
25. Clifford P. Morehouse, *Trinity, Mother of Churches,* The Seabury Press, New York, 1973, pp. 15, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32.
26. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; A letter from Minnetta May Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921.
27. A letter from Joseph Gardner Woodman, Morrill, NE, 8 May 1921.
28. Cook Co., IL Probate Records, Docket #8, p. 63, Box 3, Case #2458.
29. Ibid.

**Jonathan[6] (Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-14.** *The History of Durham* does not list him as a child of Jonathan[5] and Patience (Chesley). This is the long-lost Jonathan, "son of my nephew Jonathan" whom Archelaus[4] mentioned in his will in 1786.(1) This Jonathan, who would have been twenty years old at the time, inherited his great-uncle Archelaus' gun.

Jonathan's family said Jonathan was born 26 March 1766 probably in Durham, New Hampshire. Aside from witnessing his father's land deed in 1788, there is no public record of him until he married Elizabeth (Betsey) Dame.(2)

Jonathan and Elizabeth were married 13 April 1797 in Durham, New Hampshire by the Reverend Curtis Coe. Betsey was born 17 February 1770, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Furber) Dame of Durham. At the time of his marriage, Jonathan was of Madbury, New Hampshire.(3) (It is the old Dame family garrison house which has been preserved at the Woodman Institute in Dover, NH.)

Jonathan was forty years old before he got his first piece of land; all records call him yeoman or husbandman. On 29 April 1806, his mother, Patience, for $100.00, sold him land in Lee, New Hampshire which she inherited from her father, Stephen Chesley's estate – "except eight acres sold by her late husband Jonathan." That same day Jonathan sold a half acre of it, with a house, to the proprietors of the New Hampshire Turnpike for $350.00. In the following year on 22 September, Jonathan, in three separate deeds, sold most of the remaining land in Lee to Robert Parker.

In 1809 Jonathan bought fifty acres in Durham from his brother Isaac[6] – it being "all the land I [Isaac] got from my father Jonathan, dec'd. except one-fourth acre where the burying ground is." These deeds are very important; they prove this Jonathan existed; it proves Jonathan and Patience (Chesley) did have a son called Jonathan. On 27 April 1810 Jonathan of Lee sold 6-1/2 acres, ". . . being the same my Brother Isaac Woodman conveyed to Mr. Samuel Bacon . . . ." Jonathan bought his first land in Barrington, New Hampshire in 1820, but his land deeds called him "of Lee" until after 1824. In 1824 Jonathan sold to his brother Moses[6] forty acres in Durham being "all the land owned by my father Jonathan, dec'd. and all the land owned by my Aunt Hannah." (Hannah[5], Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1]) Betsey gave up her dower.

By 1827 Jonathan was living in Barrington beside his brother Joseph. He mortgaged his land that year to Samuel of Dover, New Hampshire who was probably his nephew, son of Lemuel[6]. The last of Jonathan's deeds on record is in 1829 when he sold his land to Samuel. Jonathan died 27 June 1835.(4)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote that Jonathan had a badly mutilated hand and because of it, he was called "Screw Paw." I have found no such information and he has not told how he knew that.

Betsey lived eighteen years after Jonathan died. He died before 10 July 1843. On 10 July 1843 the Strafford County Probate Court appointed Betsey of Barrington administratrix of her son John's estate. In 1850, Betsey, age eighty, lived in Barrington with her blind son Jonathan.(5) Betsey spent her last years with her daughter Hannah Durgin in Madbury, New Hampshire. Ella Durgin wrote, "I have heard my grandmother Hannah tell what a great worker great-grandmother Betsey was. Even when she was not able to stand at the tub and wash [clothes], she would put the tub on the floor and kneel and scrub."(6) Betsey died 12 May 1853.

*Jonathan's children:*(7)

**7-41** i Jonathan[7], b. 24 (?) May 1794.

ii Benjamin[7], b. 2 Sep 1799. Ella Durgin thought Benjamin must have died young. She had not heard of him.

**7-42** iii Elizabeth Dame[7], b. 7 Dec 1802.

iv Jefferson[7], b. 20 Mar 1805. Ella Durgin wrote, "Perhaps Jefferson died young. I know nothing about him."

**7-43** v Sarah A.[7], b. 24 Apr 1807.

**7-44** vi Hannah[7]. b. 1 Sep 1809.

vii John[7], was b. 1 Dec 1811. He d. before 10 Jul 1843. Ella Durgin wrote, "I went over to the court house and called on Mr. Martin and he took out and showed me the appointment of Betsey Woodman of Barrington, NH as adminx. of the estate of John Woodman. She gave bond of $1000.00. My Grandfather Walter Durgin and Gorham Hart were sureties. There was $147.00 and when she settled there was a balance of $71.41 in hand. I doubt about his having been married."

A court-ordered inventory of John's possessions show: One covered trunk worth $1.00 and $139.37 in cash.(8)

**7-45** viii Joseph[7], b. 13 Mar 1814.

Notes:

1. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 2, p. 277.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 220.
3. John Scales, *Colonial Era History of Dover, NH,* facsimile of 1923 edition, Heritage Books, 1977, p. 271; New Hampshire Vital Records; *New England Historical Genealogical Register*, Vol. 65, p. 214 and Vol. 91, p. 203; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 89.
4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 53, pp. 212, 310; 57:187, 189; 63:285; 64:287, 289, 290; 107:19; 122:365; 124:272; 126:243; 134:537; 136:319; 143:55; 1830 U.S. Census.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds; U.S. Census NH, 1810, 1830, 1840, 1850.
6. Letter from Ella G. Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH, 20 Sep 1921.
7. Letter from Alonzo E. Longmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921; biography sheet and letter from Ella G. Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH, 11 Apr 1921; biography sheet from Francis Joseph Woodman, 634 A. St. N.E., Washington, DC.
8. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 50, p. 259; Vol. 57, p. 44.

## Hannah[6] (Benjamin[5], Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-15.** Hannah was born in 1767 or 3 February 1766; married first husband Samuel (or Marvin?) Morrison, Jr., the son of her mother's second husband, 20 December 1787. He died and on 12 November 1794 Hannah married Deacon Moses Emery, a nephew of her mother's third husband. Hannah died 11 July 1837.(1)

*Hannah's children (named Emery):*

**7-46** i Elizabeth Hill[7], b. 13 Jan 1796.

ii Hannah[7], b. 25 May 1799; d. 17 Mar 1861. Unmarried.

iii Woodman[7], b. 4 Nov 1802; d. 24 Jan 1875; m. Fanny 31 Oct 1824, who was the dau. of John Taylor, Esq. Woodman had three children.

Note:

1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Granville Meader, *John Meader of Piscataqua, His Ancestors and Descendants,* Vol. I, 1540-1800, A Meader Family Assn. Publication, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, 1975, p. 44.

## Benjamin[6] (Benjamin[5], Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-16.** Benjamin was born in Canterbury, New Hampshire, 14 April 1778. When his grandfather Jonathan[4] died in 1776, he left a piece of land in Canterbury to young Benjamin and his brothers.(1) Benjamin was very young when his father died about 1781.(2) On Christmas Eve of 1792 the Strafford County Probate Court allowed Benjamin's mother's third husband, Josiah Emery, to be "Guardian unto Benjamin Woodman of said Sanbornton [NH], a minor upwards of fourteen years of age."(3)

He married Mary Cummings who was born in Hollis, New Hampshire, 18 May 1782(4) and by 1805 they were in Fryeburg, Maine, where Benjamin worked as a "joiner" (an expert carpenter).(5) It was also in Fryeburg where he enlisted in the War of 1812.

About 1 May 1813 Benjamin enlisted as a Lieutenant in Captain Benjamin Bailey's 34th Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. Isaac Lane. When, at the age of seventy-two, Benjamin applied for his bounty land he wrote, (I) "was in the recruiting service after I recd my commission till sometime in August 1813 when I proceeded to the line & joined my Regiment which was consolidated with the thirty-third – Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton, Commander." Benjamin thought he was discharged about 1 May 1814.(6)

Benjamin, called "Deacon," went to Burlington, Maine, about 1825, one of its early settlers. The 1850 U.S. Census noted him as a house carpenter.

Edith F. Smith wrote, "He [Benjamin] died in Stillwater [part of Old Town, ME.] 19 December 1851 . . . [Mary] died in Stillwater 20 September 1856." (Vital records from *The Maine Farmer,* Vol. 3, give Benjamin's death date as 22 January 1852).

*Benjamin's children:*(7)

i Moses Emery[7], was born 20 Jan 1806 in Fryeburg, ME. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1826.

"Moses Emery Woodman was from Fryeburg, 1806. He was fitted for college mainly by his own exertions, sustained an excellent character, and held rank as a scholar. He studied law and opened an office in Brunswick. He was a man of solid worth not brilliant but of good sound sense." (D. T. Granger)

"He was a good collector, a good conveyancer, a good counselor, and a trustworthy man – qualities you know which do not give a man so much notoriety at the bar as some other qualities. In 1836 he was chosen cashier of the Brunswick Bank and gave up the law. In this sphere he excelled; everybody liked him. Accurate, faithful, accommodating, everybody had confidence in him. He resigned his cashiership in the fall of 1839, and died of consumption in the March following. I saw much of him in the last days, which were made happy and cheerful by Christian hope. He was loved and respected by all, and his name is yet fresh in the memory of many of our best citizens. He died a bachelor." (A. C. Robbins, Esq.).(8) Moses E. died 2 Mar 1840. He is buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Brunswick, ME.(9)

7-47 ii Andrew[7], b. 4 Jul 1808 or 1809.

iii Luther C.[7], b. 17 Dec 1810; d. young.

7-48 iv William[7], b. 30 Nov 1812.

v Eliza Emery[7], m. Orinel Rogers in 1839.

vi Luther C.[7], was born 15 Dec 1818. In 1841, on the 6th day of February, Andrew sold his brothers Luther C., George and Charles – all of Burlington, ME – eighty-five acres and a dwelling house in Hancock County, ME. They were to be joint tenants, using the rent from the land to support their parents, Benjamin and Mary, during their life. Luther C. was in Bangor in 1848 when he and his brother Charles sold Andrew land in Burlington. Luther C. is said to have gone West to Shasta, CA.(10)

vii George[7], b. 11 Mar 1821. George bought land from his brother Andrew in Jan 1841. In 1846 he gave Andrew his power of attorney to sell that land for him. It is said he, too, went to Shasta, CA (see text of Luther C.).(11)

viii Mary[7], was b. 11 Mar 1823. She d. 29 May 1846 and is buried in Mt. Repose Cemetery, Burlington, ME, with her brother Andrew and his family.(12)

ix Charles[7], was born 22 Jun 1825 in Fryeburg, ME. His second wife, Edith F. (Smith) wrote, "My husband's father was Benjamin Woodman born in Canterbury, N.H., 14 Apr 1778 . . . He

married Mary Cummings . . . My Husband's grandfather was Benjamin Woodman born at Oyster River [Durham], N.H . . . this Benjamin married Elizabeth Meader."(13)

Charles was but sixteen when his brother Andrew deeded land to Charles and his brothers that they might use the income to care for their parents Benjamin and Mary.(14)

In 1850 Charles was living with his brother Andrew in Burlington. Charles married Hannah E. Smith who was born about 1831 and he and his brother Andrew became the principal merchants in Burlington.(15)

About 1867 Charles went to Bangor, ME, where he was in the manufacturing and lumber business. After Hannah E. died, Charles married Hannah E.'s niece Edith F. Smith of Portland in Portland, ME, 25 Feb 1885.(16) Hannah or Edith F. was probably the daughter of Menassah and Olivia Smith, but it is not clear which one.

Charles died 19 Nov 1902.(17) In 1921 Edith F. lived at 143 Broadway in Bangor, ME. Charles had no children.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 393; Granville Meader, *John Meader of Piscataqua, His Ancestors and Descendants,* Vol. I, 1540-1800, A Meader Family Assn. Publication, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, 1975, pp. 17, 44; Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, 1:161.
2. A letter from Edith F. Smith Woodman, 143 Broadway, Bangor, ME, 26 Jun 1921.
3. Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, 4:36.
4. Letter from Edith F. Smith Woodman.
5. Strafford Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, 66:96, 112:39, 132:580.
6. Benjamin's military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
7. Letter from Emma Gould, 95 Emery St., Portland, ME, 5 Sep 1921; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
8. Nehemiah Cleveland, *History of Bowdoin College,* Boston, 1882.
9. Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Records, Surname Index Project, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME.
10. Penobscot Co. Reg. of Deeds, Bangor, ME, 123:387, 187:22.
11. Ibid., 164:113, 266:191.
12 Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Records.
13. Letter from Edith F. Smith Woodman.
14. Penobscot Co., ME, Deed, 123:387.
15. 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census, Burlington, ME; Penobscot Co., ME, land deed 357:223; *History of Penobscot County,* William Chase & Co., 1882, p. 797.
16. *History of Penobscot County;* Maine Vital Records, Maine State Archives.
17. Maine Vital Records, Maine State Archives.

## Andrew[6] (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-17.** Andrew was born 29 March 1760 in Lee, New Hampshire. He accompanied his parents to Meredith, New Hampshire where he bought his first land about 1787.(1)

Nearing the age of thirty, Andrew married his cousin Mary Woodman of Durham, New Hampshire on 25 October 1789. Mary (sometimes called "Polly") was born 25 September 1768, the daughter of Captain Jonathan[5] (John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]). By the time the first census was taken in 1790, Andrew and Mary were living in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, with two little daughters.(2)

There are many land deeds registered by Andrew in Strafford, Belknap and Merrimack Counties. Until 1800, the old deeds call him a "trader."(3) He is said to have kept the first store in Laconia Village, New Hampshire.(4)

On 14 March 1797 Andrew and Mary sold to Mary's brother, Joshua Fabyan, their one-fifth interest in the "mansion house" in Durham her mother had purchased from Nathaniel Hill but a few short days before her death in 1784.(5)

By 1804 Andrew and Mary were farming in Meredith. That's where they were living when Mary's father, Captain Jonathan Woodman, died in 1811 on 31 August. She inherited $20.00.(6) They stayed there until 1816, when in March of that year, Andrew sold "all of his homestead where he lived."(7)

By 1818 Andrew had moved to Boscawen, New Hampshire. On 13 November 1826 Andrew and Mary sold her interest in land in Lee, South Durham and Barrington (all in New Hampshire) to Mary's half-brother Nathan Woodman. This was land from her grandfather, Moses Davis, and her grandmother, Elizabeth (Davis) Davis Demerritt.(8)

Andrew and Mary lived in Boscawen until April of 1830 when they bought two tracts of land in Meredith from their son Daniel. They were to have a lease-for-life, with rent of one barley corn per year.(9)

Although Mary was eight years younger than Andrew, she was the first to die on 20 or 21 July 1847. Andrew died 8 September 1849 at the age of eighty-nine. They are buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Belmont, New Hampshire.(10)

Andrew made his will as follows:

To his son Daniel he left all of his personal property in Meredith.

The young son, Andrew, was to have the real estate in Gilmanton for the term of his life. At his decease the property would go to the young Andrew's children. Andrew was also given the use of personal property his father might own in Gilmanton.

The daughter Fanny McLoid was to be given ten and one-half acres in Meredith, a large looking glass, a brass kettle, three tables, six chairs and a cow.

Andrew's daughter Mary Jane Wright was given all the beds and bedding and the wearing apparel that belonged to Mary and one dollar in money.

Andrew gave his granddaughter, Mary Louisa Allen – the child of his deceased daughter Louisa Allen – one dollar.(11)

*Andrew's children:*(12)

**7-49** i Daniel[7].

ii Fanny[7], m. Michael McLoid. When her father died in 1849, she was to inherit ten and one-half acres in Meredith, "the income of said land shall be controlled by my Executor hereafter named and shall go to the special benefit and support of said Fanny McLoid." She also inherited a large looking glass, a brass kettle, three tables, six chairs and a cow.

In May of 1870 Fanny, who was living in Laconia, NH, sold the land for $400.00 to her nephew Elbridge G. Woodman of Wilton, NH.

Harry W. Sayward wrote, "you want to know about Aunt Fanny Woodman. I can remember her. I am told she married Mike McLoid, did not live with him very long. She spent the last of her life with a Mr. Merrel of Andover, NH. Died a little over forty years ago." She probably had no children.(13)

**7-50** iii Louisa[7].

**7-51** iv Andrew[7], b. 18 May 1799.

v George S.[7], b. about 1800; d. 25 Dec 1825, age twenty-four (see Ebenezer F. below).

vi Ebenezer F.[7], b. about 1802; d. 26 Nov 1820, age eighteen. The *History of Sanbornton, NH,* lists George and Ebenezer as children of Andrew, without other details. These sons are not listed in their father's will. Near Boscawen, in the small community of Webster, NH, are buried George S. and Ebenezer F. I think these are sons of Andrew.

And those names were carried into the next generation when Andrew[7] named one son George Andrew and a son Ebenezer French.(14)

**7-52** vii Mary Jane[7], said to be the youngest.

Notes:

1. *The History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 395; M.T. Runnels, *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 860, 861.
2. Ibid.; Daniel Lancaster, *The History of Gilmanton, NH,* printed by Alfred Prescott, Gilmanton, 1845.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 30:45, 18:430, 18:255, 29:507, 20:285, 26:285, 27:298, 36:311. These same Deeds are registered in Belknap Co., Laconia, NH, as 3:150, 2:300, 2:282, 3:141, 2:362, 2:24, 3:68, 3:455.
4. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* p. 861.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 33:383.
6. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 13:474.
7. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 48:555, 90:431. In Belknap Co., NH those Deeds are 4:364 and 7:397.
8. Hillsborough Co. Reg. of Deeds, Nashua, NH, 123:131 and Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 128:401.
9. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 144:301. In Belknap Co. that Deed is 12:637.
10. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II; Gravestones in Belmont, NH Cemetery.
11. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #626.
12. *History of Sanbornton,* p. 861; Andrew's will.
13. Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, 51:228; a letter from Harry W. Sayward, Tilton, NH, 16 Oct 1921; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
14. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

## Elsie[6] (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-18.** Elsie born 19 April 1762, married Benjamin Smith who was born at Epping, New Hampshire, in 1763, the son of Elisha and Lydia (Norris) Smith. They moved to Belmont (Belfast), Maine. By 1801 they were at Greene Plantation where Benjamin erected a wooden dam on the river and built a sawmill – later a grist mill. The little settlement became known as Smith's Mills. Benjamin was a Deacon in the Baptist Church and his house held the first school the town had, being taught by his wife's brother Ezra Woodman[6].

Benjamin signed the petition of 1813 for the incorporation of the town of Belmont, and gave enough land for the Morrill Cemetery at Smith's Mill.

He was a mason who did most of the early bricklaying and plastering in the area.

Benjamin died 29 February 1836. Elsie lived another fourteen years, dying 18 January 1850. Both died in Belmont and are buried at Morrill, Maine.(1)

*Elsie's children (named Smith):*

i Lydia[7], m. Capt. Nathaniel Cushman.
ii Joshua Woodman[7] enlisted in the War of 1812 and was never heard from again.
iii Elisha[7] drowned at sea.
iv Abigail[7], b. 1789; m. Matthew Thatcher Merriam.
v Lois[7], m. William Cross.
vi Capt. Benjamin, Jr.[7], m. Jane _____.
vii Joseph[7].
viii Isaac[7].
ix Stephen[7] drowned in Sebec (sic).
x Elsie[7], m. _____Kinghade (sic) and lived in Whitefield.

Note:

1. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, pp. 717, 860; Leonard Allison Morrison of Windham, NH, *Lineage and Biographies of Norris Family in America 1640-1892,* Damrell & Upham, The Old Corner Bookstore, Boston, MA, 1892, pp. 34, 35; Theoda Mears Morse, *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker of Roxbury, Mass.,* Unpublished Ms. from New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, MA, 1963, pp. 14, 15.

## Joshua[6] (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-19.** He was born in Lee, New Hampshire 8 March 1764, and must have had the most exciting experience of his life before he was twelve years old. It was about this time that he accompanied his

father, Captain Joshua, to the Revolutionary War. It is a family tradition that he served as his father's clerk, but young Joshua's military record lists him as a "drummer" in his father's company; both of them served in Reynolds Regiment of New Hampshire Militia.

His written military record is a great disappointment. It reads as follows: "Roll dated, Charlestown, November 24; Time engaged July 11; Time marched October 2," but the copyist neglected to give the year. Charlestown, Massachusetts was a neck of land across from Boston; Bunker Hill and Breed's Hill were in Charlestown. On the pension application of David Woodman who also served in Joshua's father's company, David said he enlisted at Lee, New Hampshire and joined Lieutenant Joshua Woodman's company at New Market (sic), New Hampshire. "From there," David said, "we marched to Mistick and did duty at Winter Hill until the last of March 1777, having served ten days over our allotted time of six months."(1)

After the Revolution Joshua went to Meredith, New Hampshire with his father. On 30 November 1789, at the age of twenty-five, Joshua bought his first piece of land. His father, Captain Joshua, who was tax collector at the time, was auctioning off ninety-five acres in Meredith at a tax sale, and Joshua got it for ten shillings! Eight months later he sold it for one pound.

Joshua's father went to Sanbornton, New Hampshire by 1794, but there is no evidence Joshua ever accompanied him, for Joshua was still in Meredith when on 8 May 1797 he bought eighty acres of land in New Hampton, New Hampshire, about twenty-five miles from Meredith. It was there in New Hampton he spent the rest of his life.(2)

Sometime before the birth of his first child in 1791, Joshua married Sally (Sarah) Mead, who was born about 1770 in Gilmanton, New Hampshire. "I am sorry," wrote Joshua's granddaughter Frances Anne Leavenworth, "that I can tell you nothing whatever about the Meads . . . As far as I know they are all dead. I cannot place any descendants as I never knew much of them . . . ."

Frances Anne wrote, "Besides being a farmer, I think he [her grandfather, Joshua$^6$] was also a mason by trade. At any rate I think he helped build the farm house. Until recently I had in my possession a mason's trowel which I well remember my father said belonged to his father. Also he must have been able to work with metals, for only a short time since, I disposed of a hand-made fire shovel such as was used in the wide, old-fashioned fireplace on the farm – the work of his hands. A dealer in antiques coveted it and as I had no one to leave it to, I let it go."

On 6 February 1824 Joshua, at the age of sixty, made his will. Five days later he was dead, dying three years before his father.(3)

> IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.
>
> I Joshua Woodman of New Hampton, in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire farmer, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory," . . .
>
> ITEM I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally Woodman one half of all the buildings on my homestead farm as long as she remain my widow, Also one half of the income of my farm for four years after my decease and one third part as long as she remains my widow and likewise all my household furniture, likewise one third part of my neat [archaic, pertaining to oxen] cattle and sheeps and one of my horses forever—
>
> Item I do also give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Hart one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executrix considering that I have heretofore her nealy [sic] her equal portion.
>
> Item I do also give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Woodman articles of clothing and household furniture to the amount of about two hundred dollars such articles as gave my daughter Susan as will appear on the bill that I now have in possession —
>
> Item I do also give and bequeath unto my daughter Lois Woodman articles of clothing and household furniture to the amount of about two hundred dollars such articles as I gave my daughter Susan as will appear on the bill that I now have in my possession—
>
> Item I also do give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Jane Woodman articles of clothing and household furniture to the amount of about two hundred dollars such articles

as I gave my daughter Susan as will appear by the bill I now have in my possession—

Item I also do give and bequeath unto my eldest son Daniel S. Woodman all the land that I purchased of Josiah Magoon Executor of the last will and testament of William Chase late of Meredith meaning a part of William Chases Estate the deed dated December fourth Eighteen hundred and seventeen as will appear by the county records, Likewise a part of the land that I purchased of Abel Chase deed dated January nineteenth eighteen hundred and twenty as will appear by the County records—

Item I also do give and bequeath unto my son Joshua L. Woodman one half of all my buildings on my homestead farm and the land that they stand on Likewise one half of my homestead farm as may be sett [sic] off by the judgment of men—

Item I also do give and bequeath unto my son Simon D. Woodman the remaining half of my homestead farm—

Item I do also give and bequeath unto my two sons Joshua L. & Simeon D. Woodman the remaining two thirds of my neat stock and all my farming tools to be used and worn out on the farm—

I will and bequeath to my unmarried daughters right and previledge [sic] in my dwelling house, chambers, celler, well, after the decease of their mother if they shall remain unmarried—

I will and order that the legaces shall be paid to my daughters Sally M., Lois and Eliza J. Woodman at their marriage day and if they shall remain unmarried at the end of four years after my decease . . . .

And lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate goods and chattels of whatever kind and nature soever I give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Sally Woodman whom I hereby appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all former wills by me made—

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of February in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred and twenty four—"

*Note: This will and inventory are on paper so fragile that I had to pay the probate office to type them. I think that typist erred. Joshua was from New Hampton.*

An Inventory of the real and personal estate of Joshua Woodman late of New-Durham [sic] deceased testate as shewn to us by Sally Woodman the Executrix of the last will of said deceased:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Homestead farm of said deceased containing about two hundred acres with the buildings thereon. | $1600.00 | | |
| One piece of land containing about 13 acres | 75.00 | | |
| One other piece of land containing about eleven acres | 44.00 | | |
| Wearing apparel of said deceased | 32.25 | beds bedding and beadsteads | 121.00 |
| 3 old tables | 2.00 | 2 stand tables | 3.00 |
| 10 old dining chairs | 6.50 | 10 old kitchen chairs | 1.50 |
| crockery and glass ware | 5.00 | 1 old looking glass | 0.30 |
| pewter ware | 1.69 | tin ware | 1.00 |
| Brown earthen (prob. earthern ware) | 1.00 | Wooden ware | 1.50 |
| | | Iron ware | 5.00 |
| One brass kettle | 2.00 | One copper skimer | 0.40 |
| Fire shovel and tongs | 1.00 | One case of old drawers [chest of drawers] | 3.00 |
| One clock | 15.00 | One side saddle | 6.00 |
| One case of new drawers | 7.00 | two old guns | 5.00 |
| 2 old looms | 2.00 | two old nickles [sic] | 0.25 |
| old saddles bridles and saddle bag | 4.50 | cow | 12.00 |
| cart hoops | 2.00 | rye | 1.00 |
| wheat | 7.98 | cyder and casks | 7.50 |
| beans | 2.00 | empty casks | 3.00 |
| vinegar and casks | 3.00 | beef | 3.00 |
| pork | 25.00 | warming pan | 0.50 |
| 50 bushels of potatoes | 8.00 | 1 old drissel [sic] & two old augers | 0.75 |
| 1 guane [sic] and compases | 0.75 | 7 cows | 77.00 |
| 1-1/2 case of knives and forks | 1.00 | 1 yoak of 4 year olds | 38.00 |
| One note of hand signed by | 59.00 | 4-3 year old stears | 43.00 |
| Timothy Tilton for fifty nine dollars | | 2-2 years old | 10.00 |
| Received for the within note | 20.00 | 21 sheep | 42.00 |
| twenty dollars | 39.00 | 1 horse | 40.00 |
| 2-3 year old | 17.00 | flax in bundles | 3.00 |
| 4-1 years old | 12.00 | 2 carts & wheels | 12.00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 horse | 20.00 | yoakes cows and horse | 2.83 |
| 9 tons of hay | 63.00 | 48th of chains | 5.76 |
| 1 hide | 2.50 | 2 iron bars | 4.00 |
| 1 iron touth [sic] harrow | 1.50 | 1 grind stone | 1.00 |
| 3 ploughs | 4.00 | 1 sleigh and harness | 20.00 |
| 4 axes | 3.00 | 7 reeds | 7.00 |
| 4 old hoes | 1.00 | Pewter barons 2 | 0.50 |
| 1-one horse waggon | 18.00 | shovel and dung forks | 1.00 |
| 5 shoats | 15.00 | 2 old candle sticks | 0.50 |
| table lining (linens?) | 8.00 | one chaise & divane [sic] | 1.00 |
| 2 hay forks | .50 | | |
| 5 spinning wheels | 5.00 | | |
| old basket | 0.50 | | |

Poor Sally was a widow for the next quarter of a century. Sally's granddaughter, Frances Anne Leavenworth, wrote of her, "I have a copy of a daguerreotype of her among my pictures. I can only recall my two grandmothers as lively and dear old Ladies with lace caps."

Sally's will was as follows:(4)

> In the Name of God Amen. I Sally Woodman of New Hampton in the county of Belknap and State of New Hampshire (widow of Joshua Woodman late of New Hampton deceased) considering the uncertainty of life, being of sound mind and memory and being desirous to Settle my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following To Wit
>
> After recommending my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and christianlike manner by my executor hereinafter named.
>
> First I Give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Hart one cow to be delivered to her in one year after my decease if demanded.
>
> Second I give and bequeath to my Son Daniel S. Woodman my best bead [bed] to be delivered to him in one year after my decease if demanded.
>
> Thirdly I Give and bequeath to my Son Joshua L. Woodman my next best bead to be delivered to him in one year after my decease if demanded.
>
> Fourthly I Give and bequeath to my Son Dana Woodman my third best bead to be delivered to him in one year after my decease if demanded also the right title and interest I may hold have or own in the Stock on the farm where I now live excepting what is herein otherways disposed of. Also whatever note or notes I may hold against him at the time of my decease.
>
> Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Jane Emerson one cow to be delivered to her in one year after my decease if demanded.
>
> Sixthly I Give and bequeath to my daughters Susan Hart and Eliza Jane Emerson, all the Household furniture not otherways disposed of, at the time of my decease to be equally divided between them if demanded. Also my wearing apparel.
>
> Seventhly I give bequeath and devise unto my children above named all of the property that I may have at the time of my decease not herein otherways disposed of whether money, notes or any other articles of every name and hand to be equally divided between them by my executor herein after named – and I hereby appoint my Son Joshua L. Woodman my Sole Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.
>
> In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty-third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

The part of Sally's inventory listing her wardrobe is interesting:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Pr. Gloves 2/3 | 1 Work bag | 1 Petticoat |
| 1 Alpaca Dress | 1 Gingham Do. | 2 Shirts |
| 5 Do. | 2 Flanel Night Gowns | 3 Cotton Do. |
| 3 Prs. Stockings | 3 Caps | 1 Bonet |
| 1 Pr. Shoes | 1 Petticoat | 1 Pr. Drawers |
| 1 Crape Vail | 1 Alpaca Apron | 1 Hood |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4 Calico Dresses | 1 Worsted Shawl | 1 Satin Dress |
| 1 Cashmer Do. | 1 Merino Do. | 1 Calico Do. |
| 1 Crape Handkerchief | 2 vails | 1 Handkerchief |
| 1 Alpaca Cloak | 1 Sash | 1 Camleten Dress |
| 3 Petticoats | 1 Handkerchief | 1 Umbrella |
| 3 Aprons | 2 Prs. Gloves | |

Frances Anne Leavenworth also wrote, "My father's father Joshua, his mother Sally (Mead) and his two sisters Lois and Sally Mead Woodman all are buried in the small Woodman Burying Ground that formed a part of the ancestral farm in the eastern part of the town of New Hampton. The large two-story house built by my grandfather Joshua still stands – beautiful for situation, overlooking a grand stretch of country. Hills, valleys, lakes and forest for which New Hampshire is celebrated." (The cemetery records at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire call that cemetery the Downing Burying Ground known as "Woodman Place.")

*Joshua's children – all born in New Hampton:*(5)

i Lois[7], named for her grandmother, d. 22 Mar 1845, age fifty-four years, eight months. Frances Anne wrote, "Neither my Aunt Lois or Aunt Sarah were married. They are buried in Meredith with their parents."

ii Sarah Mead[7], d. 21 Apr 1842, age forty-seven.

**7-53** iii Susan[7].

**7-54** iv Daniel S.[7], b. 17 Oct 1802.

**7-55** v Joshua Langdon[7], b. 6 Apr 1803.

**7-56** vi Dana[7] (Simeon Dana), b. 25 Mar 1807.

**7-57** vii Eliza Jane[7].

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 395; *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, pp. 860, 861; Military Records of Joshua[5] and Joshua[6], Military Archives, Washington, DC; Pension Record of David[5] (Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]) found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Sanbornton Cemetery Records from New Hampshire Historical Society; Frank H. Kelley, *Reminiscences of New Hampton, NH,* Printed by Charles Hamilton, Worcester, MA, MDCCCLXXXIX, p. 59.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 15:323, 324; 30:49; 62:251; 136:127; 137:29; 78:267; 86:309; 106:211, 216. In Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds those same Deeds are listed as 2:168; 3:151; 5:386; 12:89, 151; 6:545; 7:229; 8:623, 625; New Hampshire U.S. Census 1810, 1820.
3. Strafford Co. Probate 32:150; 33:135.
4. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #610.
5. Eight biography forms, six biography sheets; postcards 11 Jul 1921 and 24 Aug 1921; letters 15 Aug 1921 and 12 Sep 1921 from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA. She was a granddaughter of Joshua[6].

## John[6] (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-20.** John was born 1 February 1769 in Lee, New Hampshire.(1) He accompanied his parents to Meredith, New Hampshire, between 1785-86. On 10 September 1793 John sold all of his right in the homestead farm there and by 1794 he and his father had pushed on to Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where they spent the last of their lives. There is evidence that after this last move John's parents lived in John's home until their death.(2)

John married Sarah Calef there on 2 May 1797. She was born 18 June 1780, the seventh child of Oliver and Elizabeth (Melcher) Calef of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. (Oliver was born in 1747 in Exeter, New Hampshire, came to Sanbornton in 1778 and died there 18 April 1825.) Elizabeth died before 1820.(3)

For years John bought and sold small pieces of ground and is said to have had a beautiful farm.(4)

***John Woodman***

***Sarah (Calef) Woodman***

***Home of John Woodman***

Always a religious man, John served as a Deacon in the Bay Baptist Church of Sanbornton for many years. His grandson, Charles C. Woodman, wrote, "As I remember grandfather, he was a man of austere bearing, very firm in his convictions. He was very active and wanted to see everything moving onward. He retained his alertness of mind and strength, mental and physical until

within a short time of his death. He was highly respected and honored by all men who knew him. John was of medium height, weighed, I should judge, about 160 pounds and was very erect, never stooping; many aged people do stoop, but grandfather never did. His hair was as white as snow, curling in large rings about his fine, shapely head. Indeed, he was a fine-looking, handsome man."(5)

John's marriage lasted sixty-eight years and produced fourteen children. He made his will on 9 July 1855, but he lived on for ten more years, dying 30 October 1865, at the age of ninety-seven. Sarah lived only about three and one-half months after John was gone, dying 12 February 1866. They are buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton.(6)

John mentioned all of his living children in his will; three of them had died before he did. Of those three, young John had never married; Susanna had married, but died at the age of eighteen without children. The third one, Stephen Mead had died leaving children and they were remembered in their grandfather's will.(7)

*John's children – all born in Sanbornton:*(8)

**7-58** i Stephen Mead[7], b. 25 Sep 1798.

ii Susanna[7], was born 28 Mar 1800. She married Samuel Shores of New Hampton, NH, 10 Jun 1818 and died five months later on 24 Nov 1818. She is buried with her parents in the New Bay Cemetery.(9)

**7-59** iii Joshua[7], b. 20 Feb 1802.

**7-60** iv Lois[7], b. 25 Dec 1803, a twin.

**7-61** v Eliza[7], b. 25 or 26 Dec 1803, a twin.

**7-62** vi Samuel Calef[7], b. 6 Oct 1805.

vii John, Jr.[7], b. 4 Feb 1808. On 21 Sep 1830 the *Dover Gazette* of Dover, NH published: "In Brightin, MA, Jul 22, Mr. John Woodman, Jr. son of Deacon John Woodman of Sanbornton, aged twenty-two. He left home on the 7 of Jul apparently in good health. Printers in Maine and NH are requested to copy." I know nothing more about him.(10)

**7-63** viii Ira[7], b. 27 Dec 1810.

**7-64** ix Sally[7], b. 12 Dec 1812.

**7-65** x Charles Chase[7], b. 12 Nov 1814.

**7-66** xi Nathaniel Hart[7], b. 30 May 1817.

**7-67** xii William S.[7], b. 11 Jul 1819.

xiii Mary S.[7], born 29 Jul 1821. She married James L. Eaton 19 Nov 1843 who died 30 Jul 1858 at Kewanee, IL. She married second husband Harris Allen 9 Jul 1867. He died 29 May 1879 in West Lebanon, NH. She had no children.(11)

xiv Lawrence Chauncey[7], born 1 Mar 1825.(12) Lawrence left home at the age of twenty-one and after a short period in Massachusetts he moved to Michigan. After about two years he returned to New England where he worked in Marshfield, MA, on the 600-acre farm of the notable Daniel Webster where it was Lawrence's duty to handle Webster's teams of oxen and where he often saw Mr. Webster. In the meantime, he purchased a worn-out farm in New Hampshire which he soon rented and found employment by the City of Canaan, Grafton County, NH to care for that city's poor.

On 1 December 1857 Lawrence C. married Mary R. Purington, the daughter of John L. and Phoebe (Chapin) Purington.

Lawrence went to Steele County, MN in November of 1859 and purchased a farm on Section five in the Township of Owatonna and an interest in a lime kiln in Section thirty-three in Clinton Falls, MN. In 1882 he gave up farming and moved to Owatonna where he became involved in real estate, money-lending and the wood trade.

He always took an active interest in public affairs and served several terms as town supervi-

***Lawrence C. Woodman***

sor; for four years he was the town's assessor. Lawrence was a deacon in the Baptist Church and was a large contributor to the church building and to Kelly Hall, the boy's dormitory at Pillsbury Academy. He gave the Baptist church its parsonage.(13)

Lawrence prospered in his many ventures and had no children. When he died 22 June 1911, he left an estate of $41,985.35, of which $24,000 was directed to legacies and bequests. The remaining $15,840.00 was divided among ten families who were the heirs of Lawrence's brothers and sisters – each family received $1,584.00. There were 111 heirs in the ten families.(14)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 395; Rev. M. T. Runnels, *History of Sanbornton, NH.,* Vol. II, Alfred Mudge & Sons Printers, 34 School Street, Boston, MA, 1881, p. 862.
2. Strafford Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Dover NH, 17:130; The same deed is registered in Belknap Co., Laconia, NH, as 2:246; U.S. Census records, 1800, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860.
3. *History of Sanbornton,* p. 826.
4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 42:363, 67:367, 87:501, 87:503, 112:629, 101:523, 101:3, 104:11, 115:205, 186:96. (These same deeds in Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds are 4:76, 6:78, 7:284, 9:407, 8:305, 8:257, 8:455, 9:561, 18:190.)
5. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, p. 862; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
6. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, p. 457; cemetery records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
7. Reg. of Probate, Belknap Co., Laconia, NH, Docket #2056.
8. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, pp. 862-864; John's will, Docket #2056.
9. Cemetery records.
10. *Dover Gazette;* Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
11. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
12. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, p. 864.
13. *History of Steele and Waseca Counties, Minn., 1887; Owatonna Chronicle,* 14 Sep 1907 *(Minnesota Scrapbook,* 49, p. 154, sent by Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul MN, 20 Jan 1921).
14. A statement of executors of the estate of Lawrence C. Woodman, decd., of Owatonna, MN, sent by Clara G. Rhodes[8] (Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]) in 1921.

## Ezra[6] (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-21.** Ezra was born 8 April 1771 in Lee, New Hampshire, and moved to Meredith, New Hampshire, and then to Sanbornton, New Hampshire, with his parents. By 1803 he was in Green Plantation, Maine, where on 9 March Ezra married Betsey Dolloff of that place. She was born in 1782, the daughter of Daniel Dolloff who is said to have been the first settler of Belmont, Maine.(1)

Ezra is said to have taught the first winter school in Belmont in 1808 and signed a petition there in 1813. His principal trade, however, was that of carpenter and wheelwright. Ezra built the frames of most of the large buildings erected in Belmont between 1815 and 1830.

Betsey died 8 February 1823 at only forty-one and there is no evidence Ezra ever married again. In September after Betsey died, Ezra sold land in Belmont, but the deed does not tell the acreage or if it was his homeplace.(2)

I know nothing more about Ezra. He is listed as living in Belmont in the 1810, 20, and 30 U.S. Census, but not in 1840. He died 4 October 1846 and is buried with Betsey and their daughter in the Morrill Village Cemetery in Morrill, Maine.(3)

*Ezra's children:*(4)

**7-68** i James William[7], b. about 1805-06.

ii Betsey[7], b. about 1808; d. 31 Jul 1828. She is buried in the Morrill Village Cemetery with her parents. It is said she did not marry. On her gravestone her name is "Betty T. J."

**7-69** iii Charlotte S.[7], b. 24 Jul 1809.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 395; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861; Mrs. Theoda Mears Morse and Mr. & Mrs. Charles White, *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, Maine,* published by the Morrill Historical Society, Inc., of Morrill, ME, pp. 442-444; Henrietta Dolloff Johnson, *The Dolloff Family,* 1 May 1936, unpublished ms. presented to the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Vital Records of Belfast, ME; Theoda Mears Morse, *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker of Roxbury, MA,* 1963, unpublished ms. found in New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, MA.
2. Ibid.; Reg. of Deeds, Hancock Co., Ellsworth, ME, Vol. 44, p. 321.
3. Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Records, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME.
4. *Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 444.

## Lois[6] (Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-22.** Lois born 13 September 1775; married William Sanborn 1 January 1800; died 31 October 1825. He died 2 February 1866, aged ninety-one, the son of Josiah[6]. For his second wife William married Mrs. Esther Stevens of Andover on 16 March 1836; his third wife was Mrs. Eliza Jennings of Plymouth, New Hampshire.(1)

*Lois' children (named Sanborn):*

i Mary[7], b. 13 Sep 1801; d. 5 Oct 1801.

ii Philena[7], b. 4 Nov 1802; d. 13 Jan 1803.

iii Lucy Swain[7], b. 23 Nov 1803; m. Joseph B. Rowe of Andover 29 Nov 1828; d. 7 Nov 1838. They resided in Plymouth (probably in NH). She had five children.

iv Anna Chase[7], b. 20 Sep 1805; m. Jacob Fifield of Andover 10 Jul 1831. They lived in Franklin, NH. She had five children.

v Louisa[7], b. 1 Jun 1807; m. Hiram Fifield of Andover 9 Sep 1833. They lived in Franklin in 1879. She had four children.

vi Elmena[7] (Almena), b. 21 Apr 1809; m. Alpheus Seavey of Andover 4 Mar 1829; d. 10 May 1831 in Plymouth. Elmena had one child who died young.

vii Abigail[7], b. 16 Mar 1811; d. 6 Jun 1825 of dropsy.

viii Mary (Maria) Woodman[7] b. 16 Nov 1812; d. 4 Aug 1846.
ix Lavina[7], b. 17 Sep 1814; d. 17 Nov 1814.
x Elizabeth D.[7], b. 7 Nov 1816; d. 14 Sep 1825 of fever.
xi Stephen M.[7], b. 20 Jul 1818; d. 9 Aug 1818.
xii Caroline A.[7], b. 20 Dec 1821; m. Smith Rowe 20 Dec 1838 at Concord by Rev. Dr. Bouton. They lived in West Thornton; in 1879 they were living in Plymouth. Caroline had eight children.

Lois Sanborn who married in 1800 had twelve children (eleven of them daughters) in twenty-one years. Four of them died before reaching the age of one year; two were dead by the age of fourteen. One died at age twenty-two, one at thirty-four another at thirty-five.

Lois died at the age of fifty leaving a four-year-old daughter. If the five children born before the last one had not all died, she would have left six children, the eldest being fourteen.

Note:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 676-677.

## Elijah[6] (Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

6-23. Elijah was born 11 May 1771. He was probably born in that section of Durham, New Hampshire known as the Packer's Falls District, and the event probably took place in his Grandfather Joshua[4]'s garrison house.(1)

He has sometimes been called "Elijah Franklin," but I'm sure he had no middle name. A Vermont marriage record, and his old land deeds in that state call him "Elijah." And his will calls him Elijah. Long after he was dead his great-grandchildren referred to him as "Old Lige."

It is said that when Elijah was seven he was bound out to an uncle, a neighboring blacksmith named Samuel Joy, who taught him that trade. Elijah's stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary Hobson of Thomasville, Illinois, who lived to a great age said Samuel Joy had several bound boys and that they were fed "coarse food," such as corn bread, potatoes and bean soup. One of the boys was a stout young fellow who rolled up his sleeves when the soup was served, and said, "I have seen that soup for quite a while now and I am going to find that bean."(2)

As far as I know Elijah was the first descendant of Captain John[2] to leave New Hampshire for the West. His brother Moses is said to have gone early to Minnesota, and his brother Jacob went to Nova Scotia;(3) there is no record they ever saw each other again.

There is no way to know why the family broke up so soon. Perhaps it seemed too hard to get land. Their father had only the 120 acres he inherited from his father, land which he immediately began to mortgage and sell. There is not one record to indicate Elijah ever owned land in New Hampshire.

Elijah married his first wife Deborah Sawyer. She was born about 1782 and was probably a New Hampshire girl.

By 1800 they were in Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont with a son under ten years old.(4) Deborah died at Salisbury, Vermont on 26 April 1803 and is buried in the West Salisbury Cemetery.(5)

On 25 September 1804 Elijah, then of Salisbury in Addison County, Vermont, paid $1,000.00 for 160 acres (lot #14) in the town of Addison. He married Catherine Clifton of Livonia, New York, between Deborah's death 26 April 1803 and the birth of his daughter Elizabeth 20 March 1804.(6)

For the next sixteen years Elijah seems to have stayed in Addison where he bought several pieces of land.(7)

Elijah's daughter, Caroline Woodman Black, left notes about her father. She wrote that Elijah operated a tavern and a blacksmith shop. He made axes and hoes, stamping "Woodman" on

each tool with a cold steel stamp. He could make six axes or twelve hoes in a day. Once on a $5.00 bet, he made twenty-four hoes in a day, then walked several miles to the county seat of Vergennes where he treated the money away in drinks. Caroline's husband Wm. Black said Elijah was long-remembered for that feat.(8)

It is said that during the War of 1812 British troops stayed at Elijah's tavern. He used to say he smuggled goods through the lines in a false bottom in his sleigh. His granddaughter, Henrietta G. (Deborah[7]'s child) Duckels had an ivory cuff button inlaid with gold which a British soldier lost while dining at the tavern.(9)

Sometime before 1 April 1818 Catherine and Elijah parted. She had seven children in thirteen years. In fact, she had delivered their child, Hiram, 8 October 1817. By 1 April 1818 Elijah married Mary Roach of Bridport, Vermont who was born about 1799 and twenty-eight years younger than he.(10)

In 1820 Elijah and Catherine had separate households in Addison. She with two males under 10 and a daughter 16-26. He lived with two males under 10, one male 18-26, three females under ten, one female 10-16.(11)

In 1821 Elijah headed West to Illinois; young Hiram stayed with Catherine while the rest of the children went with him. Catherine married Joshua Wright and it is said they bought a farm in Oxford on River Thames, Canada, with money Elijah had given Catherine and that he (Wright) soon had possession of it and left her. Catherine probably had poor health for it is said she wrote her daughter, Elizabeth, telling her that her old cough bothered her very much. She died 9 April 1825 and is buried at Oxford (another source says she died at Martin's Mill Upper Canada 19 April 1822). Now Hiram was alone up there and Elijah sent his eldest son, George, to bring him home. George left Greene County on horseback, rode to Detroit, Michigan and on to Oxford and brought young Hiram to his father's house.(12)

The family had arrived in Greene County, Illinois 1 December 1821 (another source says 1820)(13) to a place called Mt. Pleasant which later came to be called "Woodman Mound." It is said in *The History of Greene County* that "The first deed to land within the present limits of Greene County was given in 1822, and by it Robert Hobson conveyed to Elijah Woodman the tract of land known as Mt. Pleasant whereon the original proprietors had hopes of placing the county seat."(14)

In addition to farming, Elijah set up the blacksmith shop and continued to make hoes and axes. In 1907 his grandson, Elijah Franklin[8], met a man in Oklahoma who said the first ax he ever used had "Woodman" printed on it. It is also said Elijah made good money when he sold 500 pairs of shoes made from leather he had received in lieu of a payment of money for a debt. Elijah built the first brick house in Greene County with bricks made and burned on his land and he continued to buy up the land around him.(15)

Mary died 15 October 1836 at the age of thirty-seven(16) when their last child was four years old. Elijah had fathered his last child when he was sixty-one. Now, he was married for the fourth time to Anna (Samuels) Chorn on 31 August 1837. Anna, born about 1795 in Virginia, was the widow of Dr. J. Chorn with whom she had several children.(17)

Elijah liked fine horses and had a track at his home where he and his sons raced and bet on their horses. Elijah Franklin, Jr., a great-grandson, wrote, " . . . Race after race, bet upon bet and fight after fight took place. Elijah owned a fast mare and a neighbor thought he had a faster one. Elijah chose his son, Nelson, to ride his mare and the neighbor chose a Negro. The distance to be run was only 600 yards and the bet was $100.00. The riders whipped their horse the entire distance and Elijah's mare came out ahead by three feet. For years afterward they told that Elijah was so pleased over the result that he jumped as high as he could, threw his hat into the air, hollowed and cracked his heels together."

It is said Elijah improved his farm until it was the finest in the county. He had planted an orchard soon after he bought the place and he made many barrels of cider which he shipped on the river (probably the Illinois River).

Elijah was said to be a plain-talking man; some thought him vulgar and profane. He was probably what we would call coarse. He was not a religious man but he had a bible and sometimes worried about religion. He was a Whig, but had little interest in politics.

He demanded obedience and was very hard on anyone who crossed him. There is a story told in the family about Elijah's pride in some very old, very large cottonwood trees which he would not allow to be taken down. Later, however, he discovered his employees were loafing and playing cards there and he promptly had the trees destroyed.(18)

Elijah liked to fish and hunt. He would load the boys in a big wagon and take them to the river for several days. He was about 5 feet 10 inches tall, smooth-shaven; he had "keen grey eyes" and weighed about 200 pounds. It is said that boys in the school yard who were out-wrestled, challenged the winner to go to Mr. Woodman's house; "he will throw you down," they said. He fought and wrestled even when he was old.(19)

His family thought of Elijah as a free giver and a kind man who had raised many children. His grandson Elijah Franklin[8], who was thirteen when Elijah died, said he remembered the old gentleman best as he saw him in his garden among his roses.

Elijah had four visits from his doctor in February of 1852; he made his will 1 June; he was eighty-one years old. He left his home place to his youngest child, James Joy, who was twenty years old at that time. His youngest daughter's husband, Cyrus Vigus, received eighty acres for his life-time and he left land to his sons Austin and Nelson. Elijah ordered that Joseph Schuyler be paid a horse, saddle, bridle and $150.00 when he was twenty-one years old. James Joy was to be executor and was to pay Elijah's wife, Anna, $150.00 per year.(20)

In January of 1853 Dr. Henry Bragg visited Elijah four times, but his condition worsened. Ten visits in the first nineteen days of February did not save him and he died 21 February 1853. He had lived nearly eighty-two years, had a dozen children and four wives; thirty-two years had passed between the births of his first and last child.

Anna lived on for twenty-four years – exactly the difference in their ages. Elijah, Anna, and Mary are buried in the cemetery at Carrolton.

*Elijah and Deborah (Sawyer)'s children:*(21)

i George[7], was b. 27 Jun 1800, the eldest child of Elijah Woodman and Deborah Sawyer. *The White Hall Register* wrote, "George Woodman was a bold, strong, vigorous, fine proportioned youth. He worked in his father's shop at first, and as he and Mr. Woodman bought land, George tended it. He was the head-hand in all the heavy and daring work and was some in a bar-fight [sic], generally. He was of age when the family came to Illinois and was, like his father, a fast-horse man and a sport of the first water." Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "He was about 6 feet 2 inches in height, had fine, keen blue eyes and was a dark blonde. He weighed about 200 pounds and stood and walked as erect as a soldier on dress parade."

It is said George's sister, Elizabeth Gregory, was teasing him about his long bachelorhood when a carriage of young ladies passed by. George told her that in a short time he would marry one of the girls in the carriage, and he did.

In 1827 he married Angeline Wiswald of Morgan County, IL. She was born in Massachusetts, but said to be the daughter of a Connecticut farmer. Her sister married John Bryant, the brother of William Cullen Bryant, the famous poet.

George bought land near Carrolton, IL and, burning the bricks himself, began building a fine house. He liked fast horses and bought and raced many of them. He imported Selim, said to be

the first horse imported to Greene County. On muster days George took great delight in showing his horses; his neighbors and friends enjoyed the exhibition as much as George himself.

George was a good farmer and a breeder of fine stock. In the summer of 1845, he was in poor health, but thought little of it. On 1 August he went outside about 11:00 A.M., and was dead by 2:00 in the afternoon. Before dying he tried to make a will but was unable to sign it.

At the time of his death George owned four pieces of property totaling about 656 acres, mostly in Greene County, plus two town lots in Carrolton. His home place was probably the 210-acre farm; an inventory indicated it was well furnished.

The probate records show George was heavily involved in horse-breeding. He also loaned a good deal of money to many people; there were more than $7400.00 in outstanding notes owed him.

When you consider that his "good farming land and timber" and his largest farm was inventoried at $12.00 per acre; six beef cattle were worth $65.00 and fifty bushels of Irish potatoes were valued at $10.00, this $7400.00 was a great deal of money.(22)

Angeline buried George in the Carrolton Cemetery. In 1850 she was living in Greene County; a thirty-four-year-old Elijah Dee and three others lived there also.(23) It is said she finished the house and sold the farm. Angeline married Elijah Dee and moved to Bureau County where she died in March 1890. She and George had no children.(24)

ii John[7], b. 12 May 1802; d. young.

*Elijah and Catherine (Clifton)'s children:*

**7-70** iii Elizabeth[7] (Betsey), b. 20 Mar 1804.

**7-71** iv Deborah[7], b. 21 Feb 1806.

**7-72** v Caroline[7], b. 29 Apr 1808.

**7-73** vi Mariah[7], b. 21 May 1810.

**7-74** vii Austin[7], b. 20 Aug 1812.

**7-75** viii Nelson[7], b. 12 Jul 1815.

ix Hiram[7], was b. 8 Oct 1817 in Addison, VT. Hiram was young when his father and mother separated. When his father left Vermont, his mother kept him and took him with her to Canada where he went to school. According to letters his mother wrote, he learned rapidly and went to school every day. When his mother died, the town wardens wrote Elijah of the death of his wife and that the child was an orphan among strangers.

Elijah sent his eldest son, George, riding a horse through the wilderness to Detroit and then on foot to Oxford, Canada to get the baby and bring Hiram home to Illinois.

Hiram lived with his father on the Mound for some years and then with various brothers and sisters. While working for his father's cousin, James Joy, in Morgan County, IL, he was enamored with a young lady and had about decided to marry her. While plowing prairie with oxen, Hiram gave the ox a kick and the ox returned it; the result was a broken leg. Injured, he had to go home. When he returned to Morgan County he found his lady had married. Hiram decided to go see her anyway. He returned to Joy's and said, "God, I am glad he got her."

In the early 50's Hiram went to California. In a letter to his cousin, Mrs. Cullimore, he said, "I am here in a valley about four hundred miles long and from sixty to seventy miles wide, sixty-five miles from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The climate is beautiful and I have live oak trees in my yard that never shed their leaves. That is why I call it (my home) Greenwood Cottage. I do not think I can come home this fall, but a year from this fall I will try to come."

After Hiram returned home he went down South and cut cargoes of reeds, which he sold in St. Louis. He continued until his health failed; he returned to Carrolton, IL to die. On his death bed he sent for his brothers, Austin and Nelson, to tell them where he owned 300 acres in Texas.

But then refusing to tell the brothers, he asked for his nephew James Gregory. Hiram died before the nephew was summoned, and it is said they were never to know where this land was located.

Hiram died at his brother Austin's house in Carrolton 1 June 1868-9 and is buried there.(25)

Hiram's estate consisted of 162,500 unsold reeds which he had brought upriver to a company in St. Louis, MO. Unable to sell them, the company had received them and charged him for storage. Finally the company sold Hiram's reeds which left his estate owing the St. Louis firm $35.76.(26) Hiram never married or had children.

*Elijah and Mary's children:*

**7-76** x Sarah Ann[7], b. 4 Jul 1829.

**7-77** xi James Joy[7], b. 9 Aug 1832.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 396; *Landmarks in Ancient Dover,* pp. 189, 231, 268.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. A letter from Mrs. H. S. Viets, 234 Gold St. So., Boston, MA, to Cyrus Woodman, 12 Mar 1885.
4. 1800 U.S. Census, Addison Co., VT.
5. Vermont Vital Records.
6. Addison Co., VT, Town Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 95, film F, 1972.
7. 1810 U.S. Census; Addison Town Deeds, 4:447, 5:89, 5:91, 5:34, 5:440.
8. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
9. Ibid.
10. Bridport, VT Town Records, Vol. 3, p. 212.
11. 1820 U.S. Census, Addison, Addison, Co., VT.
12. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
13. Eileen Smith Cunningham, *Old Settlers Association of Greene County, Illinois, Coda of The Deep Snow of 1830,* Umphress Printing Co., Kane, Ill., 1976, p. 20.
14. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
15. Ibid.
16. Tombstone in Carrolton, IL Cemetery.
17. Greene Co., IL Vital Records; 1850 U.S. Census, Greene Co.
18. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
19. Ibid.
20. Probate Records Greene Co. Carrolton, IL, Drawer 85.
21. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. and Anna Woodman Daley.
22. Clerk of Circuit Court, Carrolton, IL, Drawer 85.
23. 1850 U.S. Census, Greene, Co.
24. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
25. Ibid.
26. Clerk of Circuit Court, Drawer 85, #2458.

## Paul[6] (John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-24.** There is no doubt Paul was a son of John but there is some question as to Paul's birth date. *The Wentworth Family Genealogy* gives his birth as 21 December 1770 (author Gertrude E. Hall said he was born about 1771 in New Hampshire). Notes in the Alton, New Hampshire Town Clerk's Office say he was born in Farmington, New Hampshire, that he died 25 January 1855, age eighty-two. At any rate, he accompanied his parents to the Shapleigh, Maine, area where he and his father signed a tax petition in 1786.(1)

In 1793 Paul and two others bought seventy acres in Rochester, New Hampshire and in November of 1795 he bought land of his father John – probably part of the family farm.(2)

Paul married Sally Wentworth of Rochester, New Hampshire (maybe Somersworth, NH) in Wakefield, New Hampshire 21 August 1796.(3) Sally was born in Somersworth 22 April 1777.(4)

By 1803 Paul had begun to sell off little pieces of land and he was sued twice in 1808 for a failure to repay debts.(5) He was still in Shapleigh in 1810 with two males under 10, one male 26-45, three females under 10, one female 10-16 and one female 26-45.(6) In 1812 on 18 April, Paul and his father sold forty acres in Shapleigh which was called "part of the Woodman Grant"; Sally witnessed the deed and Paul was out of Maine. He traveled twenty-five or thirty miles to Alton, New Hampshire where he bought one hundred acres of land 15 December 1814.(7)

Paul seems to have had a devil of a time establishing himself in Alton; by now he had seven children. He kept selling parts of that ground and then he sold the water privileges and then he mortgaged it and was sued several times. In the end, I think, he lost it all.(8)

On 9 October 1820 Paul, his father John and John Woodman, Jr. sold the last of the land up in Shapleigh and joined Paul in Alton,(9) where he lived the rest of his life. By 1830 his father and mother were probably living with him, and his large household consisted of one male 5-10, one male 10-15, one male 50-60, one male 90-100, one female under 5, one female 5-10, one female 20-30, one female 50-60, one female 90-100. By 1840 his household was dwindling and in 1850 he and Sally – he 79, she 75 – had only Paul 2nd living with them.(10)

There is no evidence he ever accumulated much of the earth's goods. In 1832, in an old land deed, he had been living by Winnipesaukee Lake since 1826. On 10 June 1852 Paul sold ten acres on the east side of the Bay Road which he had bought from Jonathan Woodman – all ten acres – for $10.00.(11)

Paul died 25 January 1855, said to be eighty-two years old. There is no record of Sally's death.(12)

*Paul's children:*(13)

i Mary[7], b. 4 Oct 1797.

7-78 ii Daniel[7], b. 13 Jul 1800.

iii Asa[7], b. 14 Mar 1802; d. 11 Jan 1803.

iv Susanna[7], b. 24 Nov 1804. A Susanna m. Daniel Evens (Evans?) of Alton 4 Apr 1826. Daniel was b. 17 Jan 1802. They resided in Alton and had two children. There is no evidence this Susanna was Paul's daughter.(14)

v Giles[7], b. 2 Apr 1806. He is said to have m. Lydia Floyd 25 Jan 1827.(15)

vi Tamsen[7], b. 30 Mar 1808. A Tamsen of Alton m. Jacob Rollins and had eight children, but there is no evidence she was Paul's daughter.(16)

vii Sally[7], b. 17 Jun 1810.

viii Paul[7], b. 13 Jun 1813. A "Paul 2nd" lived with Paul and Sally in Alton in 1850, age 30. In 1860 a Paul, age 47, was living in the household of Abner Morse in Gilford, NH.(17)

ix Lucretia[7], b. 24 Nov 1817. A Lucretia of Alton m. Joseph Hayes of Alton January 1839, but there is no proof she was Paul's daughter.(18)

7-79 x Jonathan[7], b. 30 Jul 1819.

xi Livonia[7], b. 19 Mar 1823; m. Isaac Ricker of Alton in Alton 30 Nov 1847.(19)

Notes:

1. Gertrude E. Hall, *Families of Shapleigh-Acton, Maine,* an undated manuscript at Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, ME; York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Alfred, ME, 85:5; William Richard Cutler, A.M., *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1049.
2. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 24:47; York Co., ME Reg. of Deeds 63:44.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. *Wentworth Family Genealogy,* Vol. I, pp. 394-5.
5. Strafford Co. Deeds 78:834, 52:291; York Co. Deeds 78:80; Superior Court of Judicature, Clerk's Office, Dover, NH 8:238, 8:255.
6. 1800, 1810 U.S. Census.
7. York Co. Deeds 85:224; Strafford Co. Deeds 94:379; this same deed is 7:552 in Belknap Co.

8. Belknap Co. Deeds 7:548, 7:511, 8:441 (in Strafford Co. they are, 94:272, 93:382, 103:426).
9. Superior Court of Judicature 18:18, 19:132, York Co. Deeds 106:78.
10. U.S. Census Record 1830.
11. Strafford Co. Deed 155:52 (Belknap Co. 14:80), Belknap Co. 19:316.
12. New Hampshire Vital Records.
13. *Wentworth Genealogy.*
14. New Hampshire Vital Records; Harry W. Evans, *The Evans Families,* edited by Franklin C. Thompson, 1949, p. 46.
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16. John Rolins, *Records of the Family named Rawlins or Rollins in the United States,* 1874, p. 136.
17. U.S. Census.
18 New Hampshire Vital Records.
19. *Wentworth Family Genealogy.*

## John[6] (John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-25.** John, Jr. was probably born about 1778 around Farmington, New Hampshire and grew up around Shapleigh, Maine, where his father, John[5], went in 1779. Where on 1 April 1799, at the age of twenty-one he and Paul Woodman, signed the Hanson road petition.(1)

There is no solid proof this John, Jr. was the son of John[5], but there are some compelling reasons to think he was. In October 1820 John, Jr., John and Paul (who is John[5]'s son) sold land together in Shapleigh.

And when Hattie Belle Woodman sent her 11 October 1921 letter she enclosed a list of: "Children of John and Mercy Tibbetts"; one of those children was Hattie Belle's father, Elijah.

A John, Jr. filed marriage intentions with Betsy Thurston on 21 August 1802. It isn't known what happened to Betsy, but on 23 July 1807 John, Jr. married Mercy (Mary) Tibbetts of Shapleigh.(2)

In 1810, John's (called Jr.) household in Shapleigh included two males under ten, one male 26-45, one female 16-26. In 1820 his family was listed as two males under 10, two males 10-16, one male 26-45, two females under 10 and one female 26-45.(3)

John, Jr. must have left Shapleigh shortly after the 1820 Census was taken, for on 9 October 1820 John, Jr., John, and Paul Woodman sold forty acres in Shapleigh and by 1823 were in Alton, where Paul was already living. In May of that year John, Jr. and John mortgaged one hundred acres and "is the same land that we now live on in said town of Alton."(4) Uriel, who is said to be John Jr.'s brother, signed that note.

Eighteen hundred twenty-three was a tough year for John, Jr. and John. They were sued in September for money they had borrowed with a signed note on 30 May. In November they sold the sawmill and one hundred acres in Alton where they lived.(5)

There are no more records of John or John, Jr. in Alton until September 1848, when the sheriff sold seventy acres of land belonging to John Woodman of Alton to pay what he and Manoah G. W. Gilman owed the estate of Jeremiah Wilson. There seem to be no probate or land records in Alton to fit this family after that time and there is nothing to indicate the seventy acre sheriff's sale involved our John[6].(6)

Uriel, said to be John, Jr.'s brother, with a wife Hannah and a 26-year-old John still lived in Alton in 1850. In 1860 a John, age 30, and Elizabeth, age 70, were living in Alton, but it is not known how, or if, they were related to John, Jr.[6] Paul[6], who was a son of John[5], spent the remainder of his life in Alton.

John, Jr.'s granddaughter Martha J. Woodman wrote, " . . . when father [Elijah[7]] and mother [Martha] were married, his [Elijah's] father lived in the state of Maine . . . I think it was on a farm in Winslow . . . my grandma died before I was born. Grandpa came [to visit] once in a while."(7)

On 17 September 1849 a John and Mrs. Dorcas Sturtevant filed marriage intentions in

Winslow, Maine and the 1850 Census of Winslow, Kennebec County, Maine lists a household for a John, 72, farmer, born New Hampshire, Dorcas, 70, and Uriel, 35, but nothing else is known about him. There are land deeds for a John in the Kennebec County records, but they seem to be for a John Woodman of another branch of the family.(8)

Hattie Belle wrote that John and Mercy are buried in Winslow.

*John's children:*(9)

**7-80** i Elijah[7], b. Shapleigh, ME, 22 Oct 1812.

ii Samuel[7], m; (he) d. "down Bangor [ME] way somewhere," wrote Hattie Belle Woodman.

iii Ivory[7], never m; went "Out West," said Hattie B.

iv Asa[7], Hattie B. said that Asa never m. and that he d. a young man, working at Moosehead Lake, ME, and that he was buried in the Seaman's Burying Ground in Boston, MA. There is a record of an Asa and Jennett Black of Waterville, ME filing m. intentions 6 Sep 1843, but it is not known if he is the same man.(10)

v Rosanna[7], "was getting ready to be married," said Hattie B., "when she suddenly died at Winslow, ME." She d. 16 Oct 1843, age twenty-three (and is buried there).(11) It is surely her broken tombstone in the Fort Hill Cemetery in Winslow which reads "___san, dau. of John Oct 1843, age twenty-two."

vi Lavinia[7], m. Peter Tibbetts. Hattie Belle knew nothing more about her.

vii Uriel[7].

viii John[7].

John's granddaughter Martha Jane[8] wrote, "I was born in Winslow in 1846. I know Uncle John came there then – a young man – and Uncle Uriel was a visitor when he was a mind to come. Grandpa came once in a while."

Notes:

1. 1850 U.S. Census; Gertrude E. Hall, *Families of Shapleigh-Acton, Maine,* an undated manuscript in Maine Historical Society, Portland, ME.
2. *Families of Shapleigh-Acton; New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 100, p. 42; letters from Hattie B. Woodman, Methuen, MA, and Walpole, ME, 11 Dec 1910, 11 Oct 1921, 8 Oct 1922; letter from Martha J. Woodman to Hattie Belle, 8 Oct 1922.
3. 1810, 1820 U.S. Census.
4. York Co., ME Reg. of Deeds 106:78; Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds 116:409 (Belknap Co., NH 9:637).
5. Superior Court of Judicature, Clerk's Office, Dover, NH 18:202; Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds 119:126 (Belknap Co. 10:140).
6. Belknap Co., NH Reg. of Deeds 13:512. (In 1840 Belknap Co. was formed from Strafford and Merrimack Counties. Therefore, Alton, once said to be in Strafford Co., was located in Belknap Co.)
7. Letter from Martha J. Woodman, to Hattie Belle Woodman 8 Oct 1922; Martha J. was a daughter of Elijah[7].
8. Sarah D. Lang, *Winslow, Maine Vital Records to 1892,* ed. 1937, p. 263.
9. Letter from Hattie Belle and Martha Jane Woodman.
10. *Winslow, Maine Vital Records,* p. 262.
11. Ibid., p. 324; Maine Old Cemetery Association Records, Surname Index Project, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME.

## Lois[6] (John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-26.** According to the 1850 Census, Lois was born about 1774 in Maine. Both Gertrude E. Hall and Hattie Belle Woodman agree that she was a daughter of John and that she married Benjamin Miller who was born about 1766 in Newington, New Hampshire, the son of Mark Miller. He came to Acton, Maine about 1810.(1)

On 18 April 1812 John and Paul of Shapleigh, Maine sold Benjamin Miller forty acres of

the Woodman Grant, it being one-half the farm where John and Paul were living. Twenty-four March 1830 Benjamin Miller sold land to his sons Caleb and Woodman Miller – it being the same land Benjamin bought from John Woodman. Benjamin and wife Louis (sic) were to use the land during their lifetime.(2) Lois died at age eighty.

*Lois' children (named Miller):*(3)

i John[7].
ii Caleb[7].
iii Benjamin[7].
**7-81** iv Woodman[7].
v Polly[7].
vi Hannah[7].
vii Tamson[7].
viii Eliza[7].

Notes:

1. The 1850 U.S. Census; Gertrude E. Hall, *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine,* an undated manuscript at Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, ME; a letter from Hattie Belle Woodman, Methuen, MA, 11 Dec 1910.
2. York Co. Reg. of Deeds, Alfred, ME 85:224; 145:124.
3. *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine.*

## Josiah[6] (Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-27.** Josiah was born about 1777 in Lee, New Hampshire. His father died when he was twelve and he was orphaned at age fourteen when his mother died in 1791.(1)

On 18 February 1791 the probate court appointed the family's old neighbor, Josiah Durgin, to be Josiah's guardian. Durgin was perhaps closer to the family than most neighbors because he was related to the wife of Josiah's Uncle Samuel[5] Woodman.(2)

On 2 June 1797 Josiah sold his two-fifths share of the farm he inherited from his father. This amounted to twenty-nine acres "except one quarter of an acre of Land where the graves are" and two-fifths of a seventeen-acre field.(3)

By 1798 Josiah was in Nottingham, New Hampshire – a small town in Rockingham County, though probably not ten miles from where he grew up in Lee. On 2 September of that year banns (a public notice, usually at church of an intended marriage) were published for the marriage of Josiah and Margery Hill of that town. By 1800 their first child was born.(4)

By March of 1808 Josiah was a cordwainer (shoemaker) and able to buy his first piece of land – eighteen acres of Nottingham.(5)

There are no records of Margery's death, but 17 October 1811 Josiah took another wife. She was Sally Mason Wakefield, the widow of Cyrus Wakefield. Sally was born 9 July 1787, the daughter of Joseph and Anne (Prentiss) Mason of Sherburne, Massachusetts.(6)

Josiah bought his second, and last, piece of land 10 March 1818 – four acres there in Nottingham. Josiah had but five years more of life. Dead at the age of forty-six, the court appointed his son, Josiah, as administrator on 15 May 1823.(7)

The following month Josiah's estate was appraised:

| | |
|---|---|
| By three two year old steers one year old steer | $ 26-00 |
| By one Cow | 13-00 |
| By four old sheep and five Lambs | 10-00 |
| By one hog | 10-00 |
| By one gun | 6-00 |
| By Blacksmith tools | 10-00 |
| By waggon boxes | 33 |
| By three augers hand saw a plain adze hammer | 3-25 |
| By one ironbar two wedges one ring one sythe | 1-50 |

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|---|---|
| By a piece of steel and old iron two pitchforks | 2-00 |
| By two axes and two hoes | 2-20 |
| By two yokes and bows two staples and rings | 75 |
| By 1 barn shovel 1 Chissel 2 bells 1 Compasses | 1-00 |
| By one pair spectacles 1 pair of knee buckles | 66 |
| By one pair pincers 2 razors 2 knives | 66 |
| By iron ware pots and kettles | 4-50 |
| By 1 pair handirons and shovel and tongs | 1-50 |
| By pewter tin and crockery | 2-00 |
| By knives and forks | 1-00 |
| By three barrels of Cider and Empty Casks | 7-00 |
| By 3 firkins 1 runlet [?] and other wooden ware | 2-66 |
| By Corn and rye | 3-00 |
| By wearing appearel | 9-38 |
| By Six pound of wool | 2-00 |
| By two Beds and bedding and bedsteads | 20-00 |
| By 2 pair of cards 1 sieve 1 pair of shears | 75 |
| By one slate one arithmatic | 66 |
| By 2 tables 2 Chests four Chairs | 3-00 |
| By one pair of plowirons | 2-66 |
| By flax in bundles | 75 |
| By One note of hand Dated Nov 8th 1821 on interest Signed by Benjamin Mathes | 32-00 |
| By one note Do [means "ditto"] Dated March 22th 1822 on interest Signed by Robert Mathes | 6-50 |
| By one Note Do Dated January 22nd 1823 on interest Signed by Thomas Carswell | 4-88 |
| By 1 yoke and bows and grass Seed | 1-75 |
| By 11 Acres of Land at eight Dollars per acre | 88-00 |
| By 4 acres of Land at eight Dollars per acre | 32-00 |
| By 1 pair of ox wheels and Clevice | 12-50 |
| By 1 Sleigh one old axe | 9-25 |
| By Chains | 1-00 |

*Josiah's children:*

**7-82** i Josiah[7], b. about 1800.

ii Mary[7], m. Hail (Hale?) Chapman of Lee 6 May 1827. On 2 Feb 1833 her brothers, Josiah and Edward, deeded to her their right in four acres and 42 rods of land in Nottingham which had belonged to their father Josiah Woodman.(8) Mary and Hail moved to Illinois. In True William Woodman's letter, of 1921 outlining the family he wrote, "now comes the Chapmans – Francis [sic] Ann Chapman & Jane. Peoria, IL. Don't know if they are alive or not. haven't herd from them since the Civil War."(9)

iii John[7], was probably b. between 1800 and 1807. On 6 Nov 1827 he bought from his brother, Josiah, two pieces of land in Nottingham – eighteen acres and four acres – "formerly owned by my honored father deceased." John, a shoemaker, sold to his brother Edward . . . "all the right . . . that I have, own or am other wise entitled to in my own right as an heir to the estate of Josiah Woodman late of Nottingham, deceased. Also the share of my brother Josiah Woodman which I purchased of him . . ." The deed said John's wife gave up her dower, but it does not give her name.(10)

True William wrote, "Uncle Edward lived in Haverhill when the Civil War was going on. Edward said he had a brother John [who] died about that time and John's wife came to Haverhill, MA and informed him of John's death. I can't tell you where they lived or what his wife's name was before he married her. They never had any children. [I] don't know whether it was Roxbury or whare . . . She came and let Edward know of his brother's death and said John made his will and gave all his property to her."(11)

iv Edward[7], b. about 1807,(12) was only sixteen years old when his father died. He m. Charlotte Moody of Raymond, NH 3 Dec 1829.(13)

On 2 Apr 1831 Edward bought from his brother, John, all of John's right in their father Josiah's estate. In 1833 Edward and his brother Josiah sold their sister Mary Chapman four acres and forty-two rods of land which had belonged to Josiah Woodman, decd. On 13 May 1833 Edward sold the three pieces of land in Nottingham – eighteen acres in all, "which my father bought of John Marston." In November of that year, Charlotte, calling herself the wife of Edward Woodman, signed a deed giving up her right of dower in the eighteen acres.(14)

In the 1850 Census Edward and Charlotte were living in Lee; he, like his father and brothers, was a shoemaker. True William wrote, "Uncle Edward lived in Haverhill, MA when the Civil War was going on . . . He lived in West Epping (NH) and died there. Think he died in 1880 in August. I can't tell the date. He had no children."(15) Beverly Beaudette wrote that her Grandma Edna thought Edward lived to be 103 years old in Haverhill, MA, but Beverly did not find a death record there for Edward.(16)

Notes:

1. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, 2:494; 3:245.
2. Ibid., 3:251; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 163.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 26:45.
4. Nottingham Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society; 1800 U.S. Census.
5. Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 268:240.
6. From Prentice or Prentiss family genealogy.
7. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #10659.
8. Newmarket Town Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society; Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 312:471.
9. A letter from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH, 7 Apr 1921.
10. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 250:346; 268:241.
11. Letter from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH, 6 Jun 1921.
12. 1850 U.S. Census.
13. Newmarket Town Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society; letter from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH, 7 Apr 1921.
14. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 268:241, 242; 312:471; 269:320; 272:436.
15. Letters from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH, 7 Apr and 6 Jun 1921.
16. Letter from Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, 4 Apr 1989.

### Martha[6] (Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-28.** Martha was born 17 October 1775; she married Paul Demeritt of Northwood, New Hampshire, at the Deerfield Congregational Church 23 September 1796. They were married by Clergyman Timothy Upham. Paul was born about 1774, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Runnels) Demeritt. Martha died 26 October 1846.(1)

*Martha's children (named Demeritt):*(2)

i Eunice[7], b. 23 Mar 1799; m. 1st George Seward of Strafford, New Hampshire; m. second Gilman Johnson. Eunice inherited from her maiden aunts, Susan[6], in 1862, and Sarah[6] in 1875. Sarah's will called Eunice the wife of "Warren" Johnson of Strafford, NH.

ii Samuel[7], b. 1801.

iii Betsey[7], b. 1804; d. 1817.

**7-83** iv Susan[7], b. 22 Dec 1806.

v Calvin[7].

vi Edward[7], d. before 1862.

vii George W.[7]

viii Betsey Jane[7], m. her cousin Joseph[7] Woodman, a son of her mother's brother, Samuel.

ix Rhoda[7], m. Bradford Beal 26 May 1869. She inherited from her maiden aunts Susan[6] and Sarah[6]. In May 1869 she lived in Bedford, NH.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 118, 119; New Hampshire Vital Records; Deerfield, NH Congregational Church Records found in Cemetery Record at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
2. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #18727 and #1179; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 118, 119, 217, 218.

## Samuel[6] (Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-29.** Samuel was born 14 May 1779, surely in Lee, New Hampshire and was taken to Deerfield, New Hampshire, by his parents at least as early as 1786.(1) On 11 August 1803 he married Anna (Nancy) Kennison of Deerfield, who was born 16 May 1784.(2)

When Samuel's father died in 1819, Samuel inherited, "all the remainder of my real and personal estate of every kind, farming utensils, horse, Waggon, a Pew in the Northwood Baptist Meetinghouse besides the half of my Farm given him by Deed heretofore, and the remainder [sic] half of my Farm to come into possession of at the decease of my Wife, or at the time She shall cease to continue my Widow – I also give unto him Ten Dollars in money out of my Estate, as consideration, for Legacies to be paid out at my decease, to my five Daughters – my Will also is that he provide all necessary room in the Barn, for my Wife to put her hay & keep her stock." Samuel was appointed sole executor of the will.(3)

Samuel was a farmer in Deerfield all of his life.(4) He made his will 5 May 1857 and died shortly thereafter.

> First I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Nancy Woodman, her suitable maintenance and support during her natural life, and direct my Executor hereinafter named, at all times during the natural life of my said wife, to suitably support and maintain her at the house where I now live, or in case said house shall be destroyed, then at some other suitable house in said Deerfield to be provided by my said Executor, and provide her with suitable food, drink, clothes, nursing, medicine, and all other things suitable and necessary during her natural life as aforesaid – and for the purpose of securing to my said wife her support and maintenance as aforesaid, I hereby charge the same upon all the real estate of which I may die seised [sic] and possessed.
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> Second I give and bequeath unto my oldest son Samuel Woodman Junior the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid in six months after my decease.
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> Third I give and bequeath unto my said wife, Nancy Woodman, all the household furniture which I may own at the time of my decease, to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs and assigns forever.
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> Fourth All the rest, residue and remainder of all the personal estate of which I may die seised and possessed, I give and bequeath unto my six children, to wit – Samuel Woodman, Junior, John Woodman, Joseph Woodman, Andrew K. Woodman, Mary Chapman, wife of Andrew Chapman and Nancy Hoitt, wife of Jonathan K. Hoitt, to have and to hold the same unto them in equal shares and their heirs and assigns forever.
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> Fifth All the rest, residue and remainder of all my estate, real, personal and mixed, of which I may die seised and possessed, not herein before disposed of, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my son, Andrew K. Woodman, to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns forever – he paying all my debts and funeral charges out of the same.

He appointed his son Andrew K. as executor.

Nancy made her will 16 June 1860. In it she left her wearing apparel and household furniture to her daughters Mary Chapman, wife of Andrew Chapman of Deerfield, and Nancy Hoitt wife of Jonathan K. Hoitt of Northwood, New Hampshire.

Grandsons Samuel W. Chapman of Deerfied, Martin W. Hoitt of Northwood and Samuel, son of Joseph Woodman of Newton, MA, were to receive $150.00 each. Nancy's sons Andrew K. of Deerfield and Joseph of Newton were given $25.00 while sons Samuel of Deerfield and John of Newton were to receive the residue. Samuel was made executor of his mother's affairs.

Nancy died about 1875.(5)

*Samuel's children:*

**7-84** i Mary (Polly)[7], b. 10 Feb 1805.

ii Samuel[7], b. 26 Nov 1806. He was m. in Lee, NH to Sarah Gile of Nottingham, NH 4 May1834 by Israel Chesley. Sarah was born 20 March 1807.(6)

This Samuel is probably the one living in Lee in 1840. But by 14 Nov 1842 Samuel (called Jr. of Deerfield) sold his seventy acres in Lee for $1650(7) and probably spent the remainder of his life in Deerfield where he d. 16 Jul 1883; Sarah d. 15 Jul 1887. They had no children.(8)

Samuel's will left to his wife Sarah, during her natural life, the homestead of about 175 acres in Deerfield where he lived. Also all the household furniture and all the provisions that he had on hand and all the interest from his personal estate to have during her natural life and no longer. The aforesaid bequeath was intended to be instead of her dower and distributive share in his whole estate.

Samuel left Thomas E. Simpson all of that tract of land in Deerfield containing forty acres which he bought of Allden Saunders; to Andrew K. Woodman $300.00; to Nancy Hoitt $300.00; to Samuel Woodman, the son of Joseph Woodman, $300.00; to the children of Samuel W. Chapman $300.00 in equal shares; to Martin W. Hoitt, in trust, to be deposited in some savings bank for the son of John Woodman when he becomes twenty-one years of age, $100.00 plus interest. If he should die before coming of age the sum should be paid to the children of James K. Woodman in equal shares.

Samuel gave to Thomas E. Simpson and his wife Mary P. Simpson, not otherwise disposed of, the homestead farm where Samuel lived containing 175 acres during their natural life and then to his legitimate children, if any. If not, to be divided, "one undivided half to my heirs-at-law and the remaining half to my wife Sarah Woodman's heirs-at-law." Lastly he gave Thomas P. Simpson and his heirs all the rest, residue and remaining estate.(9)

In her will, Sarah gave Thomas E. Simpson her household furniture. The following received $300.00: Jacob Gile, Laura Kelsey, Jane F. Haney, Lydiann Haley, Rebecca Gile, widow of Joseph Gile, children of Robert Stevens, children of John Gile. Thomas E. Simpson was to receive the residue of the estate and Sarah made him the executor.(10)

iii John[7], b. 27 Aug 1808 was a twin of Joseph. He and Joseph were registered as voters in Newton, MA, by 1844.(11) They bought a sixty-four-acre farm there in Newton and it is likely most of their assets were held in common; old city directories show that John lived in Joseph's house. John outlived his twin by two and one-half years, and he must have been terribly lonely, for he had never married. John d. 1 Aug 1886. In his will he left everything to Joseph's wife Betsey Jane.(12)

**7-85** iv Joseph[7], b. 27 Aug 1808, a twin to John.

**7-86** v Andrew K.[7], b. 29 Jun 1811.

**7-87** vi Nancy[7], b. 19 Jul 1814.

vii James K.[7], b. 20 Aug 1816; d. 13 Oct 1826.

viii Olive[7], b. 27 Jan 1819; d. 12 Oct 1826.

ix Mahala[7], b. 11 Feb 1821; d. 8 Oct 1826.

x Lydia[7], b. 24 Feb 1825; d. 9 Oct 1826.

In six days Samuel and Nancy lost their last four children.

Notes:

1. A family record from Lewis Woodman; *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, NH,* p. 507; New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Docket #10014.
4. U.S. Census 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850.
5. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #1709.
6. *History of Nottingham, Deerfield & Northwood, NH,* p. 507; New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. 1840 U.S. Census; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 191:328.
8. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
9. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #4144.
10. Ibid., Docket #5529.
11. A letter from Newton, MA City Clerk, City Hall, 17 Mar 1921.
12. Vital Records of Massachusetts, Newton 1887, Vol. 383, p. 193; Middlesex Co. MA Probate Records, Docket #22841.

## Edward[6] (Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-30.** Named for his grandfather, Edward was born 10 December 1781 in Lee, New Hampshire.(1) His father moved to Deerfield, New Hampshire when Edward was small and he grew up there. Edward bought seventy-seven acres of land 30 March 1805(2) and married Sarah Bartlett the next year on 21 May in the Deerfield Congregational Church. Sarah was born 12 June 1783.(3)

During the next seven years Edward bought and sold several pieces of land in Deerfield.(4) In 1814 he served in the War of 1812. He was a private in Long's Command in a company of New Hampshire Militia detached from the 18th Regiment which was commanded by Captain Bradbury Bartlett. They were stationed at Fort Sullivan from 24 May to 6 July 1814 and were paid $10.00 per month.(5) Edward inherited his father's wearing apparel when he died in August of 1819.(6)

Edward's granddaughter, Susan White, wrote, "Edward Woodman, my grandfather . . . moved to Wilmot, New Hampshire from Deerfield."(7) And records show that on 18 October 1819 Edward and his sister Lydia's husband, Stephen Brown, did buy 150 acres in Wilmot, though Edward continued to live in Deerfield until at least 1821.(8) But Edward stayed in Wilmot only briefly. Susan wrote that Edward moved north from Wilmot to Alexandria, New Hampshire, and there he stayed until he died.(9)

It is a family tradition that Edward was injured by a falling tree which he had been cutting, which accident caused him to be an invalid the remainder of his life, and that his eldest son, Jonathan, cared for the farm and supported the family. Old records show Edward began selling his land to his sons as early as 1830.(10) He died 9 November 1842.

Although Edward died before his grandson Lewis was born, stories about him fired the imaginations of Edward's grandchildren. Lewis wrote, "I cannot give an accurate description of my grandfather [but] have heard father tell of him going a fishing off Labrador and getting drifted away north in a storm whare he could see daylight all night."

Sarah lived on until 27 March 1857.(11)

Edwards granddaughter Susan C. White wrote, " He [Edward] had six children. Don't no [sic] their dates of birth, but will name them as I have heard father tell them in order."

*Edward's children:*(12)

i Jonathan[7], was born 11 February 1807 in Deerfield.(13) It isn't clear when, as the eldest son, he became the family breadwinner following his father's injury, but Jonathan was a twenty-three-year-old farmer when his father sold him his first piece of land in Grafton County on Christmas Eve in 1830.

Jonathan seems to have given up farming and by 1850 he was a carpenter living in a boarding house in Nashville, New Hampshire (now Nashua). He is said to have joined his brother Peter Ordway, a builder in Manchester, New Hampshire, where they spent many years working together.(14) Jonathan had moved back to old Deerfield before he died of consumption two days after Christmas in 1872.(15) Jonathan, who never married, had been mentioned in the wills of his maiden Aunts Susan and Sarah,(16) and when he made his will exactly a month before he died, he left his estate to his brothers and a sister as follows:(17)

To his sister Abigail B. Scribner he left his homestead farm in Deerfield.

His brother David B. was to receive four-tenths of his personal estate, but the amount was not to exceed $800.00.

Brother Peter Ordway inherited two-tenths of his personal estate with the amount not to exceed $400.00.

The will gave brother Samuel four-tenths of Jonathan's personal estate, the amount not to be more than $800.00.

**7-88** ii David Bartlett[7], b. 1 Jan 1809.
**7-89** iii Peter Ordway[7], b. 21 Mar 1812.
iv Lydia[7], b. 9 Dec 1814; d. 31 Jul 1825.
**7-90** v Samuel[7], b. 11 Jun 1818.
vi Edward[7], b. 16 Dec 1824; he lived one day.
**7-91** vii Abigail[7], b. 18 Jun 1826 or 1829.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records; a family record furnished by Lewis[8], a grandson of Edward[6]; Rev. Elliott C. Cogswell, *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, NH*, 1878, pp. 506-507.
2. Rockingham Co. Register of Deeds, 190:245.
3. Church records found in the Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
4. Rockingham Co. Register of Deeds 187:366; 188:222, 383, 384; 192:354; 195:436; 196:324.
5. Edward's military record, Military Archives; Chandler Potter, *Military History of New Hampshire*, p. 119.
6. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #10014.
7. A letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH, 2 Apr 1921.
8. Merrimack Co., NH Register of Deeds 5:216; Hillsborough Co., NH Register of Deeds 125:651; Rockingham Co., NH Register of Deeds 230:173.
9. 1830-1840 U.S. Census.
10. Grafton Co., NH Register of Deeds 116:458, 460; 164:112.
11. A letter from Lewis Woodman, Archer, IA, 25 Jun 1910.
12. Letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield; family record from Lewis Woodman.
13. New Hampshire Vital Records.
14. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census
15. New Hampshire Vital Records.
16. Rockingham Co., NH. Probate Records, Docket #1779, #18727.
17. Ibid., #888.

## Lewis[6] (Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-31.** Lewis was born 11 October 1796 in Deerfield, New Hampshire where he spent his childhood.(1) After Lewis reached young manhood, almost nothing is known about him. I think he is the Lewis who bought ninety-five acres in Fisherfield, New Hampshire (now Newbury) out in Hillsborough county. Perhaps he went there because his sister Martha's daughter, Rhoda Beal, lived in that county at the time. In 1819 he inherited $100.00 from his father.(2)

By the time the U.S. Census was taken in 1830, Lewis was in Claremont, New Hampshire; he had married Melinda who was born about 1797. Their only child, Susan C., who was born in

1833 died 29 July 1853, and Melinda followed her 6 February 1856. Lewis buried them in the Pleasant Street Cemetery there in Claremont and there is no record that he ever married again.(3)

Lewis may have left Claremont for a while after Melinda died. He is not listed in Claremont in the 1860 Census. There is a Lewis listed that year in Brentwood, New Hampshire, but it isn't clear if it is he.

When his sister Susan died about 1862, Lewis inherited $859.14 (probate records show that Lewis had borrowed $198.00 from her 30 August 1853); Lewis inherited $1,000.00 when his sister Sarah died in 1875.(4)

Lewis[8], a grandson of Lewis' brother, Edward[6], wrote, "I have seen my great-uncle Lewis Woodman; he lived at Claremont, New Hampshire. He built the first dam across the river where the mills now are. He was a prominent Mason; they might give some description of him. He left no children."

Lewis' main interest was probably the Masonic Lodge. The Hiram Lodge, No. 9, of Claremont, A.F. and A.M. reported that Lewis was made a Mason in the Philesian Lodge at Winchester in 1825 and K.T. in 1866; a Master of the Hiram Lodge in 1838-9, 1844, 1851-4, and again in 1862. He was High Priest in the Webb Chapter from 1844 to 1847 and a Past District Grand Master in 1854-5 and 1864.

A lodge member reported that Lewis was a machinist who, in his last years, worked at the Monodnock Mills. Lewis, he wrote, was a man of few words – very quiet.(5)

Lewis died at Claremont 14 March 1878. Four days later his brother Samuel of Deerfield petitioned the Sullivan County Probate Court to appoint an administrator to settle Lewis' earthly affairs. Lewis, they said, had died intestate leaving no linear family.

An inventory of Lewis' estate lists:

| | | | | | |
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| 3 | beds | $ 2.00 | 1 | washstand & bedstands | $ .15 |
| 1 | cook stove | 1.00 | 1 | table | .50 |
| 1 | stand | .25 | | chest and 2 drawers | 1.00 |
| | crockery | 1.00 | 2 | chests and clock | .50 |
| | sheets & bureau | 1.00 | | quilts & blankets | 1.50 |
| | clothing of deceased | 4.50 | 1 | wheelbarrow | 2.00 |
| | lot of old iron | .10 | | iron bar | .25 |
| | stove pipe | .10 | | box & contence [contents] | 1.00 |
| | desk & contence [sic] | 1.00 | | bookcase & maps | 1.00 |
| | trunk & contence | 1.50 | 3 | trunks & contence | .25 |
| | spectacles | 1.00 | | masonic & books [sic] | 1.00 |
| | money in bank | 700.00 | | silver spoons | 1.30 |
| | parlor stove | 1.00 | 1 | bed | 1.00 |
| | cash on hand | 101.24 | | a savings bank book of Susan Woodman, died, dau. of said Lewis. | 7.24 |

After his debts and expenses were paid, the court divided Lewis' estate among his 13 remaining heirs; each of them received $56.78. Lewis is buried in Claremont with his Melinda and Susan C.(6)

*Lewis' child:*

i Susan C.[7], b. ca 1833; d. 29 Jul 1853.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 394; *History of Nottingham, Deerfield & Northwood,* p. 507; family records.
2. Hillsborough Co. Register of Deeds, Nashua, NH, Vol. 118, pp. 214, 223; Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #10014.
3. U.S. Census 1830, 40, 50; an undated letter from the Masonic Lodge, Claremont, NH, probably 1921.
4. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #18727 and #1779.
5. Masonic Lodge.
6. Sullivan Co. Probate Records, Newport, NH, Docket #5548A.

**Charles[6] (David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**6-32.** In 1887, Edward E. Woodman of Danvers, Massachusetts, wrote that his great-grandfather, David[5], had a son named Charles who lived in Tamworth, New Hampshire. Census records show a Charles Woodman, born about 1780, was a resident of Tamworth, but there is no proof he was the son of David[5]. This is what I found about this Charles Woodman.

Charles and Sarah Seavey of Sandwich, New Hampshire, were married there 5 March 1815 by Elder James Quimby.(1) In 1830 this Charles was between forty and fifty years old, with a wife of equal age. They had a son five to ten years old, a son ten to fifteen years old and a daughter less than five. In 1840 this Charles and his wife had two males aged 15-20 and one female aged 10-15. By 1850 his household listed Charles – 70, Sarah – 58, John – 26, Albert – 24.(2)

In May of 1846 Charles and Sally of Sandwich bought seven acres of land in Sandwich, New Hampshire; about sixteen months later, Charles and Sally, now said to be of Tamworth sold that land.(3)

The last record of a Charles in Tamworth or Sandwich is 5 October 1874 when D.P. Woodman, Charles A. Woodman and L. J. Woodman of Boston sold one acre of ground in Sandwich which "had been formerly occupied by Charles Woodman." Nothing in the deed indicates who D.P., Charles E. and L.J. might be.(4)

In 1860 a Sarah, age 80, was living in the household of John and Martha in Sandwich. Perhaps she was Charles' wife Sarah (Seavey).(5)

In 1910, Edward E. Woodman of Danvers, Massachusetts, contacted a Susie J. Woodman Rundlett of the same city to ask about the origin of her family. In answer to his inquiry, Susie wrote that she could not remember her grandfather's name, but she clearly remembered her grandmother's name was Sarah. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. was convinced Susie's grandfather was Charles, though he had no proof. Susie listed her grandparents' children and thought they were all born in Sandwich. If Susie J. Woodman Rundlett's grandfather *was* Charles, and if this Charles was the son of David[5] then here is the list of Charles' children.(6) Since my information is so sketchy, I will not assign the children numbers; I will discuss them and their descendants right here.

*Charles' children:*

I William[7], born about 1816. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought he was the William P. who married his first cousin, Frances (Fanny) S., the daughter of George W. (David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2]). See Frances S. for William's family.

II John[7], was given as a child of Charles and according to the 1850 U.S. Census, there was a John born about 1824 living with his parents in Tamworth, New Hampshire.

On 5 February 1857 John married Martha Glidden.(7) John's daughter Susan J. Woodman Rundlett wrote that her mother, Martha, was the widow of John Quimby and that she had four children from her first marriage, Lizzie, Amelia, Maria and John. Susan J. also wrote that her father, John, and Edward E.'s father Wyatt Boyden were first cousins.(8)

In 1860 John and Martha – each 40 years old – were living in Sandwich, New Hampshire with children Betsey M., age 5; Eugene F., age 2; and Sarah who may have been John's mother, who was 80.(9) Six years later on 7 September 1866, Martha of Sandwich bought land in Sandwich from Arthur C. and Lorena E. Quimby.(10)

John is said to have died in Sandwich 6 June 1876;(11) Martha may have been gone soon after for on 19 August 1879 Eugene F. and Susan J. of Sandwich sold the one and one-half acres of land their mother, Martha, got from the Quimbys; the deed called the land their family homestead.(12)

*John's children:*(13)

1. Betsey M.[8], b. about 1855 is listed in the 1860 U.S. Census, but Susie J. Woodman

Rundlett does not mention her. Perhaps she died young.

2. Eugene F.[8], was born 8 Apr 1858 in Sandwich, New Hampshire.(14) He married a woman variously called Eleanor A. Woodman (the "A" maybe stood for Atarah, which was her mother's name); she was called Atrah Eleanor on her death certificate. She was born 16 Dec 1865, the daughter of Benjamin and Atrah (or Atarah) (Brown) Woodman, said to be of Raymond, New Hampshire. I do not know the lineage of Eleanor's father, Benjamin, who died in 1881. On 15 June of that year, Eleanor's mother Atarah Woodman of Fremont, New Hampshire was appointed guardian of Eleanor A.(15)

In 1900 Eugene F. and Eleanor A. were living in Fremont, with their son Benjamin, aged fourteen, and Eleanor's mother Atarah, who was seventy-seven years old. Atarah died there in Fremont on 18 April 1911. Her death records say she was born in Alexandria, New Hampshire, 29 December 1822, the daughter of Benjamin and Atarah (Andrews) Brown.(16)

On 24 February 1932 Eugene F. sold three acres of land to Eleanor A., "his wife," for $1.00. He died 28 October 1934 in Brentwood, New Hampshire. He was called a "teamster."(17)

In October of 1936, Eleanor, seventy-one years old and alone, made an agreement with Julia Johnson of Laconia, New Hampshire. She sold her three acres to Julia for $1.00, retaining a life interest in the land. If Julia Johnson promised to furnish Eleanor A. with suitable "meat, drink, fuel, clothes, nursing, medicine, a suitable funeral and a marker at her grave, she could have the land. She died 11 April 1961 at the age of ninety-five years. She had been a resident of Brentwood for thirty-three years. She is buried in the Village Cemetery at Fremont. On her death certificate she is called "Atrah Eleanor."(19)

*Eugene F.'s child:*

A. Benjamin[9], b. Jul 1885.(20) Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. said Eugene F.'s son was b. 19 Jul 1886 but did not know his name. Perhaps Eugene F. had several children.

Eleanor A. had a brother Benjamin F. who was born 13 July 1845 in Fremont making him twenty years older than she.(21) There are records for three divorces and one marriage for Benjamin F.

Benjamin F. married Martha J. of Fremont in Derby, Vermont, 27 November 1864. Benjamin divorced her in January 1873 charging abandonment. He married Laura E. 23 April 1889 in Fremont; she divorced him in April 1898 because of impotence. Benjamin married Isabella M. Johnson in Fremont 8 March 1900. They divorced 1 February 1907 with a "decree of nullity."(22)

On 12 October 1926 another wife, Annie G., died in Brentwood.(23) On 8 November 1927 Benjamin F. of Freemont, for $1.00, deeded land to Eleanor A. and Eugene F., of Fremont, New Hampshire, which he and his late wife, Annie G., had owned. A short time later, on 15 February 1928, aged eighty-seven years, seven months, two days, Benjamin F. died.(24)

3. Susan J.[8] (Susie). On a land deed dated 19 August 1879, Susan J. was referred to as a minor when her brother, Eugene F., sold the land their mother Martha bought from the Quimbys on 7 September 1866.(25)

Susan J. (Susie) married Charles N. Rundlett of Danvers, MA, at Brentwood on 25 October 1881.(26) In 1910 Susan lived in Danvers, MA.(27) Susie had a daughter named Marian S.[9]

Susan J. Woodman Rundlett said her grandfather, whom Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. supposed was Charles[6], also had a son Albert and there was an Albert in Tamworth, NH at about the right time.

*Charles' children continued:*

III Albert[7]. This Albert was born about 1826 in Tamworth.(28) In 1850 he lived there in the household of Charles, age 70, and Sarah, age 58.(29) But that same census has an Albert, 25, a shoemaker, living in John Moulton's house.

Albert married Martha Ann Tilton 3 January 1851.(30) Martha A. was born about 1830 in

Sandwich and was probably the daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy Tilton of that place.(31)

Albert must have died before 1860 because when the census was taken that year Martha and three small children were living in Sandwich with Ebenezer and Lucy Tilton.

*Albert's children:*(32)

A. Nahum Frank[8], b. 22 Nov 1851 in Sandwich, New Hampshire.(34) He married Emma Jane Bickford 4 December 1875.(35) Emma Jane was born about 16 October 1857 in Rochester, New Hampshire, the daughter of John W. and Mary Jane (Goodwin) Bickford. Her father was born in New Hampshire; her mother was born in Waterboro, Maine.(36)

Nahum and Emma J. were in Rochester, New Hampshire, at Pickering's Crossing; he was a carpenter for many years.(37) It isn't clear when Nahum and Emma J. left Rochester, but the Pickering's Crossing property sold 5 October 1933.(38)

Nahum died at 19 Elston Street in Somerville, Massachusetts, 22 May 1934, age eighty-two years and six months. He was called a retired factory machinist who last worked in 1903. Emma Jane died in Somerville 28 January 1940, age eighty-two years, three months, twelve days. They are buried in the New Cemetery in Rochester.(39)

*Nahum F.'s children:*(40)

A. Edwin L.[9], b. Oct 1876 in Rochester, NH.(41) He m. Catherine who was born about 1882 in New York City, NY, the daughter of John and Anna (Flynn) O'Connell, who were both born in Ireland.(42)

Edwin L., a retired Railways Express clerk, died at 166 Elm St., Cambridge, MA, 11 Nov 1956. His death record says he was to be buried in the Rochester Cemetery in Rochester, NH, but he is not in his father's plot.(43) Catherine a retired nurse, d. in Cambridge 7 Apr 1959 aged seventy-seven years. She is buried in St. Patricks Cemetery in Lowell, MA.(44)

B. Roy C.[9], b. 22 Nov 1880. He d. 26 Mar 1911. He is buried with his parents in Rochester.(45)
C. Eva May[9], b. 20 Jul 1884; she d. at the age of three months and eleven days. She is buried with her parents.(46)
D. Emma[8], b. 1855. May have been living in Rochester, NH, in 1902, 03, 09.(33, 47)
E. Zuba[8] (sic), b. 1857; may have d. young.(47)

*Charles' children continued:*

IV Nathaniel[7], Charles[6], is said to have had a son, Nathaniel, about whom I know nothing.

V Rachel[7]. There is a record of a Rachel A. Woodman of Dover, NH who m. John W. Cole of Dover 29 Jul 1849, but there is no evidence she was Charles and Sarah (Seavey's) daughter.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. 1830, 1840, 1850 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH.
3. Carroll Co. Reg. of Deeds, Ossipee, NH 13:308; 13:299.
4. Ibid., 64:319.
5. 1860 U.S. Census.
6. A letter from Edward E. Woodman, Danvers, MA, to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., Carlinville, IL, 26 Jan 1910.
7. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
8. Notes from Susan J. Woodman Rundlett of Danvers, MA to Edward Eastman Woodman, Danvers 26 Jan 1910.
9. 1860 U.S. Census, Sandwich, NH.
10. Carroll Co. Reg. of Deeds, Ossipee, NH 49:362.
11. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
12. Carroll Co. Reg. of Deeds 81:313.
13. Notes from Susan J. Woodman Rundlett; 1860 U.S. Census.
14. New Hampshire Vital Records.

15. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #3433 and Death Certificate of Eleanor A. Woodman.
16. 1900 New Hampshire U.S. Census; New Hampshire Vital Records.
17. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, 906:13; New Hampshire Vital Records.
18. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 923:179, 924:282.
19. Death Certificate, Rockingham Co. Probate.
20. 1900 New Hampshire U.S. Census.
21. Benjamin J.'s Death Record, New Hampshire Vital Records.
22. New Hampshire Divorces, New Hampshire Vital Records.
23. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #23010.
24. Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 832:94; New Hampshire Vital Records, Death Record.
25. Carroll Co., NH Reg. of Deeds 81:313.
26. New Hampshire Vital Records.
27. Notes of Susan J. Woodman Rundlett to Edward Eastman Woodman, Danvers, MA 26 Jan 1910.
28. Death Record of Albert's son, Nahum Frank, Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Bldg., Tremont St., Boston, MA, 1934 76:465.
29. 1850 U.S. Census Tamworth, NH.
30. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Nahum's Death Record.
31. Nahum's Death Record; 1860 U.S. Census, Sandwich, NH.
32. 1860 U.S. Census.
33. Rochester, NH City Directories.
34. Nahum's Death Record, Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Bldg., Boston, MA, 1934 76:465; Nahum's gravestone.
35. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
36. Emma Jane's Death Record, Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Bldg., Tremont St., Boston, MA, 1940 77:531.
37. 1880, 1900 U.S. Census Rochester, NH; 1902-03-09-17 Rochester City Directories.
38. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 455:312.
39. Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Bldg., Tremont St., Boston, MA, Nahum and Emma J.'s Death Records, 1934 76:465 and 1940 77:531; record of gravestone.
40. 1880, 1900 U.S. Census; gravestone.
41. 1880, 1900 U.S. Census.
42. Catherine's Death Record, Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Bldg., Boston, 1959 39:23.
43. Edwin L. Death Record, Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Bldg., Boston, MA, 1956 37:394.
44. Catherine's Death Record.
45. Gravestone, Town Cemetery, Rochester, NH; 1900 U.S. Census.
46. Gravestone in father's plot, Rochester.
47. E.F.W., Jr. notes (Emma[8] and Zuba[8] dates appear to be inconsistent with siblings' dates).

## George[6] (David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-33.** George's grandson, Edward Eastman Woodman, wrote in 1887 that George was a son of David of Tamworth, New Hampshire, but I have no proof that this George is the son of David. This George signed a legal document calling himself "George W.," and his death record calls him "George W.," but I do not know what his middle initial stood for.

Edward E. said his grandfather, George, was born 14 December 1785, but he didn't know where. "He [George] married at Tamworth February 13, 1812 [to] Margaret Brewster who was born November 21, 1788 and died January 1, 1873 also at Hamilton," he wrote. Edward E. said George and Margaret left Tamworth and went to Hamilton, Massachusetts, where George died 29 July 1869. "Both are buried in that town," he wrote.(1) He also confided that his father told him his grandmother, Margaret Brewster Woodman, could trace her line back to Elder Brewster of the Mayflower.(2)

Research shows that on 10 February 1812 the Reverend Samuel Hidden married George and Peggy Brewster. Both were from Tamworth, New Hampshire.(3) It is also clear that in 1830 George was living in Tamworth with one male aged 5-10, three males 10-15, one male 15-20 and one male 40-50. The household had one female age 5, one female aged 5-10, one female 15-20 and another 40-50.

George was still in Tamworth in 1840 and his household had one male 5-10, one male 15-20, one male 20-30 and another aged 30-40. The eldest male was 60-70. The females were one 10-15, one 15-20 and one female 50-60.(4)

By 1850, George, called a farmer, aged 63 and born in Maine, was living in Hamilton, Massachusetts with his wife Margaret, aged 60, who was born in New Hampshire. With them were James, age 29, and Joanna, age 22, who were both born in New Hampshire.(5)

There are other shreds of evidence, but there is no certainty. This man might be the George who served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Wiggins' Company of Waldron's Command of New Hampshire Militia. From September 11-28, 1814, the regiment was stationed at Portsmouth. New Hampshire(6), and there are two land deeds of a George Woodman for lot #7 in the 5th range of lots in Tamworth in 1812 and 1813.(7)

George's death record is somewhat of a disappointment. In it he is called George W. He died in Hamilton, Massachusetts 29 August 1869, aged eighty-three years, five months. It says he was married and that he was born in Shapleigh. But the record says that he was the son of George Woodman who was born in Tamworth, New Hampshire, and Joanna (Marks) who was born in Shapleigh, Maine.(8) Joanna March, of course, is supposed to be George's mother.

Margaret's death record reports that she died in Hamilton, 1 January 1873, aged eighty-four years, one month and ten days, that she was born in Barrington, New Hampshire, the daughter of Daniel (or David) and Margaret Brewster.(9)

*George's children:*

**7-92** i Frances S.[7] (Fanny), b. 16 Nov 1812.

ii Timothy B.[7], Edward E. Woodman thought Timothy B. was b. 24 May 1814 in Tamworth. He m. Elizabeth Ann Whittier, 13 May 1838.(11) A cordwainer, Timothy had a little house in Woburn, MA located within twenty rods of the Horn Pond Station on the Woburn Branch Railroad. When he d. there on 12 Aug 1856, age forty-two years, three months, Elizabeth had to sell the house to pay Timothy's obligations, Timothy's father George W. had to give his legal permission for her to do so.(12) Timothy had no children.

iii George W.[7], b. 16 Dec 1815; d. 2 Jul 1837 in Tamworth.

**7-93** iv Wyatt Boyden[7], b. 15 Jan 1818.

v James M.[7], was b. 24 Oct 1819 in Tamworth. It isn't clear when he went to Wenham, MA, but at the age of twenty-nine, a shoemaker, he m. Lucinda Brewster there 8 May 1851. She was twenty-eight, born in Tamworth, the daughter of Samuel Brewster. She was a resident of Hamilton, MA, at the time of her marriage. He d. 23 Jan 1869 in Hamilton at the age of forty-eight years and three months.(13)

**7-94** vi Joseph B.[7], b. 13 Oct 1821.

vii Joanna[7], was b. 5 Jan 1826 and was living with her parents in Hamilton, MA, in 1850; that 1850 record said she was twenty-two.(14) Another record is: Johanna b. Tamworth, m. Sylvester Kent (b. Hamilton). She had a son Willis E. Kent who d. in Danvers, MA 14 Feb 1934, age eighty years, one month and two days. This Willis married Jennie E. Webber(15). The old 1887 letter gives Joanna's death date as January 1886 in Wenham, MA. It isn't known if she is a daughter of George[6].

**7-95** viii John LaPlatt[7], b. 21 Jun 1831.

Notes:

1. A letter from Edward Eastman Woodman of Danvers, MA to Edgar Horace Woodman, Esq., of Concord, NH, 19 Mar 1887.
2. A letter from Edward Eastman Woodman of Danvers, MA, to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 26 Jan 1910.
3. Town Records of Tamworth, NH found in the Cemetery Records of New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
4. 1830 and 1840 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH.
5. 1850 U.S. Census, Hamilton, MA, p. 20.

6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
7. Strafford Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, Vol. 72:290, Vol. 79:10.
8. Vital Records, Massachusetts State Archives, 220:187.
9. Ibid., 256:310/219.
10. Edward E. Woodman 1887 letter.
11. Vital Records, Lynn, MA.
12. Vital Records, Massachusetts State Archives, Death Vol. 103, p. 134, #52; Middlesex Co., MA Probate, Docket #45130.
13. Massachusetts Vital Records, Marriages 54-229; Massachusetts Vital Records Death 220:187.
14. U.S. Census, Hamilton, MA, 1850.
15. Danvers, MA Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office (1915-1945).

## John March[6] (David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-34.** In 1887 Edward Eastman Woodman of Danvers, Massachusetts, a great-grandson of David[5], wrote that David had a son named John who lived in Tamworth, New Hampshire.(1)

In 1861 a John Woodman of Tamworth deposed that his father, David, was a soldier in the Revolution and was also a substitute for Jacob Jewell in the War of 1812.(2)

On 21 January 1821 John and Abigail C. Hodgdon of Portsmouth, New Hampshire were married by Sebastian Streeter. She was the daughter of George and Polly (Cate) Hodgdon of Portsmouth and she was born about 1800 or a little before.(3)

A John with a family appears in the census records of Tamworth from 1830 through 1860; this John was born in Maine about 1788 or 89. He had a wife named Abigail, a daughter named Abigail and one son – perhaps two.(4)

John bought his first piece of land in Tamworth 14 January 1814. It was 100 acres in lot #7 in the 5th range of lots. On 24 August 1819 he and James M., reported to be his brother, bought land in Tamworth with a fulling mill, carding machine, and picking and shearing machines which they sold ten months later. Through the year John bought and sold many pieces of land and by 1839, old deeds sometimes called him a "trader." Not only did his wife called Abigail sign some of those deeds, but the transactions often involved other Woodmans said to be his relatives. There was land in Eaton, New Hampshire, from the John March estate, who was probably some of his mother's family. John sold land to Nathaniel Hubbard Woodman where not only John had lived but where George Woodman had also lived. Nathaniel Hubbard Woodman witnessed a deed as did George Hodgson Woodman.(5)

Charles Earnest wrote, "My father Nathaniel Hubbard Woodman [born June 2, 1823] and his wife and [my] grandfather John March Woodman [born March 15, 1788] and his wife Abigail Hodgdon Woodman are buried in the old cemetery at Tamworth."(6) John died 11 July 1862, age seventy-four. He and Abigail are buried with a son in Cleveland Hill Cemetery, Tamworth, New Hampshire.

*John M.'s children (there may have been others):*(7)

**7-96** i George Hodgdon[7], b. about 1822.

**7-97** ii Nathaniel Hubbard[7], b. 2 Jun 1823.

iii Daniel Titcomb[7], b. 17 Aug 1829; d. 23 Feb 1830.(8) He is buried with his parents in the Cleveland Hill Cemetery, but I could not read the markings.

iv Abigail C.[7] (Abbie), b. about 1832. She is listed living with her parents in 1850 and 1860. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. called her "Abbygail" and said she was b. 28 May 1831 and that she d. in San Francisco, CA 2 Oct 1861.

**7-98** v John Edwin[7], b. 14 Aug 1840.

Notes:
1. A letter from Edward Eastman Woodman, Danvers, MA to Edgar H. Woodman, 19 Mar 1887.
2. Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
3. Leonard Allison Morrison, AM, *The History of the Sinclair Family,* Damrell & Upham, Boston, MA, The Old Corner Bookstore, 283 Washington St., 1896, p. 391; 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH; Portsmouth, NH Town Records 11:378.
4. U.S. Census Records, Tamworth.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 79:16, 79:515, 104:370, 107:383, 130:172 (in Belknap Co., this same Deed is 11:219), 133:423 (Belknap 11:528), 132:538 (Belknap 11:453), 156:196, 158:450, 179:109, 179:104, 171:579, 178:275, 176:28, 179:295, 182:426, 182:535, 184:34, 185:396, 188:362.
6. A letter from Charles Earnest Woodman, 75 Norman Place, Tenafly, NJ, 12 Jan 1949.
7. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; 1850, 1860 U.S. Census, Tamworth; Military Record; gravestones in Cleveland Hill Cemetery, Tamworth, NH.
8. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

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Also letters from Charles Earnest Woodman, 1610-50 St., Brooklyn, 3 Apr 1916; Charles E., Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp., Ltd., 114 5th Ave., New York, NY, 24 Mar 1921; Charles E., Brooklyn, 13 Apr 1921.

## James M.[6] (David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**6-35.** In 1887 Edward E. Woodman, a great grandson of David[5], wrote, "David Woodman [was] in Battle of "Bunker Hill" [and] lived with one of his sons [James] at Tamworth, New Hampshire . . . James lived at Tamworth, New Hampshire," Edward E. continued, "and owned there a 'Fulling Mill' – moved to Gloucester, Massachusetts, and there died."(1)

A James M. (perhaps this stood for March) lived in Tamworth, but I have no proof he was David's son. This James M. and Elizabeth Jackson were married in Tamworth on 20 or 26 April 1818.(2)

On 24 August 1819 James M. and John (surely James M.'s brother) of Tamworth bought land, a fulling mill (to clean and thicken cloth), carding machine, and picking and shearing machines. In June, on the 26th, 1820, James M. and John sold the property back to its original owner. James M.'s wife Betsey gave up her dower. In 1822 this James M. bought about an acre in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, with a fulling mill, carding machine and tools; in 1826 he bought twenty acres there. Four months later he sold both properties to John of Tamworth. By 1828 he sold his last property in Sanbornton and his wife Betsey A. gave up her dower. In all the deeds after 1819 he was called a "cloth dresser" or "clothier."(3)

James M. was living in Tamworth by 1830, with one male 5-10, one male 30-40, one female under 5, two females 5-10, one female 10-15, one female 30-40.(4)

The next year, two days before Christmas, James M.'s wife Betsey A., died at the age of forty. The day after that – it being Christmas Eve – James M.'s little daughter Mary A. died at the age of thirteen.(5)

The old letter said James M. went to Gloucester, Massachusetts and died there, but I've never found evidence of it. In the 1850 Census, a James M., age 55, lived in Rumney, Grafton County, New Hampshire with Lucy, 55, Mary 16, and Sarah 11. In 1860 there was a James M. in Wentworth, Grafton County, but I don't know who they were.

*James M.'s children – there were probably others:*

i Mary A.[7], b. 1818.(6)

**7-99** ii James Monroe[7], b. 12 Feb 1824 in Sanbornton, NH.

**7-100** iii Levi E.[7], b. 28 Jul 1831 in Tamworth.

Notes:

1. A letter to Edgar H. Woodman from Edward E. Woodman, Danvers, MA, 19 Mar 1887.
2. Tamworth, NH, Vital Records, Vol. 1, Book A, New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 104:370, 107:382, 121:61 (Belknap Co., NH 10:253), 127:277 (Belknap Co. 11:28), 130:172 (Belknap Co. 11:219), 133:423 (Belknap Co. 11:528), 136:458 (Belknap 12:129); After Belknap Co. was formed from Strafford Co., some of these deeds are recorded in both counties as indicated; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 865.
4. U.S. Census.
5. Cleveland Hill Cemetery, Tamworth, NH.
6. Gravestone in Cleveland Hill.

# SEVENTH GENERATION

**Jonathan Thompson[7] (Samuel Thompson[6], Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-1.** Jonathan was born 4 July 1800; married 16 January 1822 to Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Job and Sarah (Langley) Randall. Elizabeth was born 6 August 1803.

*Jonathan's children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Samuel[8], b. 17 Apr 1823; m. Rhoda Davis.
ii Stephen[8], b. 20 Sep 1833; m. Jan 1859 to Sarah (Gray) Lamos, widow of Moses Lamos.
iii Elizabeth[8], b. 13 Oct 1843; m. 25 Dec 1870, True Wright Emerson of Barrington, NH who was b. 18 Apr 1846, a soldier in the Civil War.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 368.

**Mary Thompson[7] (Job Thompson[6], Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-2.** Mary was born 4 July 1806; on 8 April 1832 she married John H. Marston. She died 8 June 1845.(1)

*Mary's children (named Marston):*

i Daniel[8].
ii Elbridge G.[8]

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 366.

**Job Thompson[7] (Job Thompson[6], Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-3.** Job was born 2 May 1808; he married 1st on 22 May 1845 to Adeline Griffin of Durham who was born 8 December 1804 and died 25 February 1853. His second wife was Emma Demeritt of Lee, New Hampshire, whom he married 13 December 1856. She was the daughter of General Samuel & Sarah (Torr) Demeritt. Job died 26 April 1891.(1)

*Job's child (named Thompson):*

i George Joseph[8], m. Elizabeth Knight and had one daughter.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 366

**John Thompson[7] (Job Thompson[6], Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-4.** John was born 19 June 1810; 12 June 1853 he married Lydia Waterhouse of Barrington, New Hampshire, who was born 2 May 1823.(1)

*John's children (named Thompson):*

i John Haven[8], b. 15 Sep 1857; d. 6 Dec 1880 unmarried.
ii Amanda Flora[8], b. 15 Feb 1859; m. B. Frank Davis.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 366.

**Samuel Thompson[7] (Job Thompson[6], Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-5.** Samuel was born 30 March 1815; on 7 July 1844 he married Lydia M. Cilley of Nottingham, New Hampshire.(1)

*Samuel's children (named Thompson):*

i Anna L.[8].
ii Victoria[8].
iii LeRoy[8].
iv Louisa[8].
v Mary[8].
vi Jay[8].
vii Fremont[8].
viii Elmer[8].
ix Elsworth[8].
x Edith[8].

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 366.

**Daniel Fox Thompson[7] (Job Thompson[6], Jonathan Thompson[5-4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-6.** Daniel Fox was born 19 March 1817, married 16 April 1839, Mary Frances, daughter of John T. and Mary (Hanson) Emerson who was born 28 July 1816. He died at Braintree, Vermont, 7 December 1852.(1)

*Daniel Fox's children (named Thompson):*

i John W. E.[8], b. 16 Apr 1840; m. Susan A. Clough.
ii Ellen Augusta[8], b. 17 Sep 1841; m. _____ Brown. Moved to VT.
iii Daniel Gordon[8], b. 24 Jan 1843; m. 12 Jan 1868, Mary E. Gardner.
iv Jeanette A.[8], b. 21 Jan 1845; m. 26 Aug. 1867, Frederick M. Knight.
v Caroline Elizabeth[8], b. 16 May 1847; m. Rev. Clarence Pike.
vi George Edwin[8], b. 31 Jul 1851; d. 4 Jan 1852.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 369.

**James Thompson[7] (Edmund Thompson[6], John Thompson[5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-7.** James was born 30 January 1793. On 25 April 1822 he married Nancy C. Paul who was born 13 October 1798. He was a farmer in Newington, New Hampshire.

*James' children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Jane Anna[8], b. 9 May 1824; m. James Russell Ambrose 16 Mar 1843.
ii James Henry[8], b. 11 Apr. 1826; m. 1 Sep 1862 to Susan Jane Clapham.
iii Sarah Elizabeth[8], living unmarried in 1885.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 364.

**Stephen Jones Thompson[7] (Edmund Thompson[6], John Thompson[5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-8.** Stephen Jones was born 6 March 1803. On 22 February 1830 he married Nancy Griffin, daughter of John, granddaughter of Captain John Griffin of Durham, New Hampshire. Stephen J. died 9 June 1851; Nancy died 18 July 1840, aged thirty-two years, five months.

*Stephen Jones' children (named Thompson):*(1)

i John Edmund[8], died in the Civil War.
ii Charles[8], lived in New Jersey.
iii Stephen Millet[8], m. Julia F. White and lived in Providence, RI.
iv Nancy S.[8], m. George Bunker.
v Abby Jane[8], m. Wm. Henry Bunker.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, pp. 364-365.

**Charles E. Thompson[7] (Edmund Thompson[6], John Thompson[5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-9.** Charles E. was born 23 February 1809. On 12 December 1841 he married Sarah A. Cater of Barrington, New Hampshire, who was born 15 April 1819. Charles E. died 3 October 1878; she died 12 January 1892.

*Charles E.'s children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Edmund E.[8], d. 18 Apr 1862, aged thirteen years, four months, twenty-six days.
ii Susan Jane[8], b. 9 Mar 1844 and m. Isaac Watson of Dover, NH.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 365.

**William F. Thompson[7] (Edmund Thompson[6], John Thompson[5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-10.** William F. was born 23 February 1809. On 3 June 1838 he married Hannah J. Griffin of Barnstead, New Hampshire, who was born 7 March 1816. Wm. F. died 7 October 1884; Hannah J. died 26 January 1899.

*William F.'s children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Nancy J.[8], d. 6 Sep 1874, aged thirty-four years, nine months.
ii Mary Ellen[8], b. 16 Apr 1847 and became the second wife of Walter Thurston.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 365.

**Samuel Thompson[7] (John Thompson[6-5], Jonathan Thompson[4], Sarah Woodman Thompson[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-11.** Samuel was born 1 September 1792. He married Betsey Osgood of Conway, New Hampshire, and died 20 September 1829.

*Samuel's children (named Thompson):*(1)

i Charles Osgood[8].
ii Samuel[8].
iii John[8], m. Ann Thomas and d. Conway, NH Dec 1870.

Note:
1. *History of Durham*, Vol. II, p. 365.

### Mary[7] (Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-12.** Mary was born 31 January 1799. She and Richard Furber were married 5 October 1818 in Newington, New Hampshire, by Sebastian Streeter. Richard was born 13 February 1791. Mary died 9 August 1850 and Richard married Elizabeth Pickering. Richard died 4 November 1858.

Mary Effie Griffiths wrote that Elizabeth (Pickering), "was not real congenial to Richard and Mary's three smallest children. Mary Elizabeth, John Samuel, and Sarah Ann, they being the youngest, made their home with their elder brother Nicholas Pickering Furber."

*Mary's children (named Furber):*(1)

i Alfred Langdon[8], b. 26 Oct 1818; d. 29 Mar 1850, unmarried.

**8-1** ii Nicholas Pickering[8], b. 14 Jan 1824.

iii Mary Elizabeth[8], b. 10 Oct 1828; d. 2 Jul 1863, unmarried.

iv Sarah Ann[8], b. 3 Jul 1831; m. Capt. George T. Ball of Greenland, New Hampshire, on 26 Apr 1866. In 1921 she was a widow and had no children.

v John Samuel[8], b. 13 Jun 1835; d. 7 Aug 1898. Never married.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Effie Furber Griffiths, Durham, NH, 7 Jun and 8 Jul 1921; letter from Jackson Hoyt, Newington, NH, 29 May 1921.

### Elizabeth[7] (Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-13.** Elizabeth, was born in 1800 (?); she became the second wife of Stephen P. Chesley, who was born 12 March 1804. They resided in Durham, New Hampshire.(1)

*Elizabeth's children (named Chesley):*

i Ellen[8], b. 2 Aug 1842; m. first Charles Henderson, b. 24 Jul 1862; m. second husband Horatio Hunt.

**8-2** ii John Samuel[8].

Note:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 71, 73.

### John Smith[7] (Nathan[6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-14.** He was born in Captain John's old garrison house 6 September 1819,(1) and probably had a rather privileged childhood. John Smith had his early education at South Berwick Academy over in Maine and went on to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where he graduated in 1842.

John S. is said to have taught in the Durham village school as early as 1839. Following graduation from college he went to Charleston, South Carolina, where he taught for four years. In 1847, as did many young sons of well-to-do fathers, John S. took the "Grand Tour." He spent a year in Europe, sending back accounts of his travels and observations to be published in both *The New Hampshire Patriot* and the *Charleston News.*

Upon his return to America, John S. studied law and late in the year, on 12 December 1848, he married. His bride was the fifteen-year-old Anna Mary who was born 1 May 1833 in Madbury, New Hampshire, the daughter of Stephen P. and Hannah C. (Pendexter) Chesley. Anna Mary is said to have been adopted by her grandfather, Edward Pendexter. Actually, Anna Mary was a daughter of her mother-in-law's (Abigail H. who married Nathan[6]) brother. One of Anna M.'s sisters married Moses G.[7] (Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1]). Further, Anna M.'s stepmother was Elizabeth Woodman[7] (Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]).(2)

John S. was admitted to the bar in 1848 and he practiced law for about a year in Salmon Falls, New Hampshire. By 1849 John S. had opened a practice in Rollinsford, New Hampshire, and bought a house there.(3) In 1850 he was serving as Commissioner of Schools in Strafford County and was Secretary of the New Hampshire Board of Education. He was again Commissioner in 1852 and 1853. A classmate of John Smith's said, "In the opinion of the most competent judges, Professor Woodman was one of the wisest and most efficient state school officers New Hampshire ever had."

It is likely John S. really never liked practicing law – that he preferred teaching. In 1851 he returned to his alma mater and taught mathematics until 1855. In February of that year John and Anna M. sold their home in "Salmon Falls village in Rollinsford" and must have returned to Durham; he is listed as the town moderator of Durham in 1856. It may have been about this time he and Anna bought the Red Tower house, an impressive residence which still stands in Durham. (The Red Tower housed New Hampshire University students in 1989).(4)

Once more, in 1857, John S. returned to Dartmouth, this time as Professor of Civil Engineering in the Chandler Scientific Department, eventually becoming the department's chief executive officer. And there he was to stay until his health failed in 1870.

An account of John S. in *The History of Dartmouth College* is " . . . In the Chandler Scientific School . . . he [John S.] was specially qualified to do good work because of his thorough mastery of mathematics by perceptions almost intuitive. Thoroughly at home in its principles, loving them, and honestly loving his pupils, he could luminously and patiently teach the application of those principles in practice, however minute and detailed . . . ."(5)

In the Grafton County Reg. of Deeds Office are numbers of John S.'s land deeds. On several occasions he bought land which he, in turn, sold to Dartmouth College.(6)

On 14 April 1866 John S. sold fifty-five square rods from his Red Tower house-lot in Durham ("the so-called M. Blydenburgh lot") to the Congregational Church. In the deed he is committed to remove within forty-five days the stone and bricks of the old schoolhouse. Five weeks later John S. and Anna sold the Red Tower house.(7)

John S.'s father Nathan died on 2 March 1869. Being executor and only living child, he busied himself settling the estate.(8)

John S. had enjoyed a successful career at Dartmouth; he was in Hanover when he made a codicil to his will 12 December 1870. But by then he, probably already ill with the consumption that killed him, was preparing to go home to Durham. He and Anna Mary must have left shortly after that; left to go back to his birthplace – back to Captain John's old garrison house for the last time. He survived his father by only two years. While his father had lived to be eighty, John Smith died 9 May 1871 at the age of fifty-one. He was the last male named Woodman to live in the old house.(9)

> I John S. Woodman of Hanover, New Hampshire, declare this my last will and testament.
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> Item I. I give and devise to the eight heirs of my Father, Nathan Woodman, forever, in trust, for a burial place for the Woodman family and their friends and for purposes of care, ornamentation and care of trees and plants, with a right of free access to and from at all times, – the Woodman Cemetary on the old homestead, where my Father and Mother are buried, including all the land bounded by a N & S line, running from the salt marsh on the South to the thread of the valley on the north, and ten (10) rods westerly from the centre of the Woodman family monument; and bounded N. E. & S by the edge of the salt marsh.
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> Item II. The old homestead, where my Father lived, [including the tract around the building, of about 55 Acres (excepting the cemetary aforesaid) and the little pasture near Moses G. Woodman's of about ten (10) Acres, in all about 65 Acres] I give and devise to my neice, Mary Abbie Woodman (if living) and to her and her heirs and assigns forever. But in case I am not in possession of said homestead, at the time of my decease; or in case, (my

wife living) it is used and occupied as a partial or fixed residence for myself and wife and family, then Mary Abbie aforesaid shall not take the homestead aforesaid, but instead thereof I give and bequeath (in such case) to said Mary Abbie the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2000.)

III. I give and bequeath to my cousin George S. Woodman One Thousand Dollars ($1000); to his son William C. Woodman One thousand Dollars ($1000): and to his Daughter Jenny Woodman One Thousand Dollars ($1000): to such as may be living.

IV. I give and bequeath to Marcia W. Woodman, my wife's niece, who is now living in my family, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5000).

V. I give and bequeath to the Chandler Scientific School of Dartmouth Col. (C.S.D.) (that is to the Trustees for the C.S.D.) the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars ($20,000) to be kept intact till it amounts to $30,000 and then to be added to the general fund of the C.S.D. and to be under the same visitatorial powers and all the provisions of the will of Mr. Chandler (the founder), the income only to be used forever for the general purposes of the C.S.D. provided that, five per centium (5/100) on the one half of said sum ($10,000), (i.e. $500), shall be annually paid, in July, to my wife Anna M. if she survives me, during her life, whenever she desires and requests said 5/100 in July or the two months following (for any current year), not otherwise.

VI. All the rest and residue of my property, real, personal and mixed, wherever situated, I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna M. to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

VII. I appoint my wife Anna M. sole Executrix, of this my last will (and if she is not living or does not wish the charge) then I appoint Wm. H. Morton Esq. (Cashier) of Salmon Falls, NH, Executor; . . .

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 14th day of May 1870.

John S. Woodman made a codicil to his will:

In addition to the provisions of said last will, my will is: 1. I give (additional) to Marcia Waldron Woodman, if living, to her, her heirs and assigns forever, Ten Thousand Dollars – and if my wife Anna M. is living, she (said Anna M.) shall have the control and management of said last named $10,000.00 during her life time, and any part or all the income of the same she may choose to take. 2. The old homestead farm in Durham, N.H. is to go to my wife Anna M. (if living.) but if not living at the time of my decease, then I give and devise the same (meaning the Home Farm about 55 acres, the Little Pasture about 10 acres, and the South Wood Lot about 30 acres; in all about 95 acres, & no more) to my niece Mary Abbie Woodman & to her heirs and assigns forever (if living at the time of my decease), if said Mary Abbie is not living as aforesaid; then to my cousin, Geo. S. Woodman, of Dover NH for life and after his decease to his children; but if said Geo. S. is also not living – then to the children of said Geo. S. their heirs and assigns forever; 3. As to all the rest and residue, if my wife (Anna M.) is not living (for if living she is to take the residue as per will.) I give devise and bequeath, to the trustees of Dart. Col. for the Chandler Scientific Department, to be added to the Woodman fund of the C.S.D. (as per will) & if the residue so goes to the C.S.D. I direct that said Fund be made to reach and kept at $50,000 (instead of $30,000 as per will.)

In witness whereof I John S. Woodman have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of December 1870.[10]

On 6 April 1983 an archivist of Dartmouth College wrote:

The College Archives has received your letter concerning the John Smith Woodman bequest. Professor Woodman left $20,000 to the Chandler School which was to accumulate until it reached the sum of $30,000. There is no indication that the money was given for a specific purpose, so I assume it went into the School's general fund, or endowment.

In 1893, the Chandler School merged with the College and a Chandler Scientific Department was established. The financial aspects of this merger are rather elusive since the course work of the School was undertaken by both Dartmouth and the Thayer School of Engineering. There is no listing for a current Woodman fund or endowment, and I surmise

> the bequest was merely absorbed by the general fund of the College. The Chandler School was not always in the best financial shape, and I doubt if its assets amounted to much at the time of its incorporation into the College.(11)

Late in 1874, Marcia Waldron, now more than fourteen years old, but still a minor, asked the probate court to appoint Anna Mary her guardian. Marcia was the daughter of Anna Mary's sister, Marcia, who married Oliver Waldron. The mother had died when the child was very young, and Anna Mary had cared for her for the past ten years. Anna Mary and Marcia (who had taken the name of Woodman) also requested that Marcia's estate being held by her father Oliver Waldron of Madbury, New Hampshire, be returned to the child. The only money the young Marcia had, they said, had come from Prof. John Smith's estate.(12)

By 16 June 1873 Anna Mary had begun selling the land in Durham. On 14 October 1876 she sold the remaining fifty-five acres of the old Woodman farm. The same land Captain John got in 1660 and the family had held continuously for 216 years, land comprising part of the present heart of Durham.(13) In 1880 Anna M. bought a place in Dover, New Hampshire, but she must have lived there only briefly; by 1883 she was in Cambridge, Massachusetts,(14) where she died 15 December 1884.(15)

> I Anna Woodman, of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:
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> First: I give and bequeath to my niece, Marcia W. Woodman, now living in my family, the sum of five thousand dollars.
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> Second: I direct my residuary legatee, hereinafter named, to pay to the said Marcia W. Woodman the sum of two hundred dollars per year during her life.
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> Third: I give and bequeath to Sarah E. Hayes, now living in my family, the sum of ten thousand dollars.
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> Fourth: I direct my residuary legatee, hereinafter named, to pay to the said Sarah E. Hayes the sum of two hundred dollars per year during her life.
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> Fifth: I give and bequeath to Marcia W. Woodman for life the oil portraits of my late husband and myself. I give and bequeath to Sarah E. Hayes for life the oil portrait of my deceased child Fannie. The survivor of the two (i.e. Maria and Sarah) is to have all three of these portraits.
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> Sixth: I give and bequeath to said Marcia and Sarah all my wearing apparel, books, pictures, jewelry, silver, household furniture, and other articles of similar description which may be in my house at the time of my decease; to be divided so that one may have as much as the other after taking into account all articles of the above description which either may then possess in her own right.
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> Seventh: I will and direct that Marcia W. Woodman and Sarah E. Hayes shall have the privilege of occupying without rent for two years after my decease any house which I may occupy at the time of my decease; my executors to pay from my estate the taxes and all necessary repairs during said term of two years.
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> Eighth: Unless the lot is already well fenced at my death, I direct my executors to build a fence around so much of the burial lot on the Nathan Woodman farm, in Durham, N.H., as will include the monument and the graves of Nathan Woodman and his wife, Charles F. Woodman and his child and John S. and his child; the fence to be built with good cut stone posts and strong iron rods.
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> Ninth: I give and bequeath to the town of Durham, N.H., the sum of three hundred dollars, in trust to expend so much of the income as may be needed in keeping the aforesaid burial lot and fence in good repair and in resetting the gravestones when necessary, and also in mowing once a year all the space between the trees as well as the lot above described. Any surplus income remaining unexpended at the end of each period of five years shall be applied by the town for the benefit of the Library recently established therein.
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> Tenth: I give and bequeath to my sister, Mrs. Hannah F. Woodman, wife of Moses Gilman Woodman, the sum of five thousand dollars.
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> Eleventh: I give and bequeath to my half-brother, John Samuel Chesley, the sum of

one thousand dollars.

Twelfth: I give and bequeath to the children of my half-sister, Mrs. Ellen Henderson, of Madbury, NH, the sum of one hundred dollars each.

Thirteenth: I direct my residuary legatee, hereinafter named, to pay to my half-sister, Mrs. Ellen Henderson, of Madbury N.H., the sum of fifty dollars semi-annually, on the first day of January and on the first day of July during her life.

Fourteenth: I direct my residuary legatee, hereinafter named, to pay fifty dollars per year to Esther A. Warner during her life.

Fifteenth: I give and bequeath to the Avon Street Home, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be expended for the general purposes of the institution.

Sixteenth: Subject to the payment of the annuities heretofore given in this will, I give, devise, and bequeath all the rest, residue, and remainder of my property, real, personal, and mixed, wheresoever situated, to the Chandler Scientific School of Dartmouth College (that is to the Trustees of the College for the Chandler Scientific Department), to be added to the Woodman Fund given by the will of my late husband; to be under the same visitatorial power and all the provisions of the will of Mr. Chandler (the founder); the income only to be used for the general purposes of the Chandler Scientific Department.

Seventeenth: I constitute and appoint Marcia W. Woodman and Sarah E. Hayes joint executors . . . [Sarah Hayes was probably from the family of Anna Mary's father's sister, Comfort, who married Samuel D. Hayes of Madbury].

Witness my hand and seal this second day of August, A.D. eighteen hundred and eight four.

On 6 November 1884 Anna M. Woodman made a codicil to her will: "If the residue given by my will to Dartmouth College (upon certain conditions) shall amount to more than twenty thousand dollars in value, then I give the excess over twenty thousand dollars to Marcia W. Woodman and Sarah E. Hayes, to be equally divided between them."(16)

Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, New Hampshire, wrote, probably in 1921, "Marcia Waldron Woodman married a Mr. Lutz, who lived in Michigan connected with some college."(17)

The oil paintings Anna Mary gave Marcia are at the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. There are, in fact, three portraits, there being two of Prof. John Smith. One, of the Professor, was being displayed on the third floor of Baker Library in 1989; the others were in storage.

The paintings had been given to the college by Frederick Lutz, 143 Elmhurst St., Highland Park, Michigan, in the spring of 1927. Mr. Lutz's letters do not indicate whether he was a son or the husband of Marcia.(18) There is also a photocopy of Professor John Smith at the Durham Historic Association in Durham, New Hampshire. The New Hampshire State Library in Concord, New Hampshire, has copies of three speeches delivered by John S. 1851-1863.

*John Smith's child:*

i Fanny[8], b. 5 Sep 1861; d. 26 Feb 1862. On her gravestone the stricken parents inscribed: "The grass witherith /the flower fadeth, but / the word of our God /shall stand forever. She is not dead – the child / of our affection / But gone into that school / Where she no longer needs / our poor protection /and Christ himself / doth rule."

All three are buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Durham. Anna Mary's stone: "There is no death / What seems so is transition" and John Smith's stone "husband / Thou shalt guide me with thy council / and afterward receive me to glory."(19)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 396.
2. Ibid., pp. 71, 73, 302; New Hampshire Vital Records; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 242, 261, 264, 282, 298.
3. 1850 U.S. Census.

4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 216:570; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 343-344; *Durham Historic Assn. Newsletter,* Jun 1985 or 86.
5. Baxter Perry Smith, *The History of Dartmouth College,* Boston: Houghton, Osgood & Co., The Riverside Press, Cambridge, 1878, pp. 326—329; John Scales, *History of Strafford Co., NH, and Representative Citizens,* Richmond-Arnold Publishing Co., Chicago, IL, 1914, pp. 42-43; *History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties, NH, with Biographical Sketches,* compiled under the supervision of D. Hamilton Hurd, J. W. Lewis & Co., Philadelphia, 1882, Press of J. B. Lippencott & Co., Philadelphia, p. 603; Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D., *Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College,* Riverside Press, Cambridge, MA, 1867, pp. 335-6.
6. Grafton Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, 247:432, 253:376, 253:426; 281:412-413.
7. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 239:402-447.
8. Ibid., 245:81, 249:80-82; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3109.
9. *New York Times,* 10 May 1891; *Landmarks in Ancient Dover,* pp. 179, 180; New Hampshire Vital Records.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3504.
11. Kenneth C. Cramer, Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, NH, 03755, 6 Apr 1983.
12. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #4067.
13. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 254:155, 256:468, 259:318, 260:528-575.
14. Ibid., 268:387, 274:517.
15. Gravestone.
16. Middlesex Co., MA Probate Records, Docket #18054; Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #10036.
17. Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, probably 1921. Susan, b. 1849 knew many of the descendants of Captain John Woodman.
18. Letter from Rebecca A. Brick, Registrar, Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 21 Apr 1989, with copies of Lutz letters and photocopies of portraits; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 34, p. 183.
19. Letter from Trustee of Trust Funds, Durham, NH, 1981.

## Charles Frederick[7] (Nathan[6], Jonathan [5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-15.** Charles Frederick was born 10 July 1827 in the old garrison house.(1) Like his father, he began dealing in land at an early age.(2)

On New Year's Day, 1850, Charles F. and Sarah Ann Perkins of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, were married by Clergyman N. E. Marble of Concord, New Hampshire. Sarah Ann was born 27 October 1833, the daughter of Charles F.'s mother's sister (Asenath Chesley, who married Moses D. Perkins).(3) After their marriage they moved into the garrison house with Charles F.'s parents where they were to spend their married life.(4)

Charles Frederick may have farmed the old homestead; old land deeds call him a yeoman. At an early age he began to follow in his father's footsteps by lending money to those wishing to buy land, holding a mortgage as security.(5) In 1858 and 1859 Charles F. served as selectman for the town.(6)

Early 1861 was a difficult time for twenty-eight-year-old Sarah Ann. On 7 January their small son John Frederick died at the age of twenty-two months. Two months later, on 6 March, Charles F. was killed in a mill accident. He was only thirty-four. Old records do not tell if the mill was the Woodman grist mill at the falls of Oyster River.(7)

Sarah Ann was appointed administratrix of Charles F.'s estate and she chose Charles' father, Nathan, to act as guardian of her six-month-old daughter, Mary Abbie. At the time of his death Charles' estate totaled $9271.92 (cash $2143.00, stock in banks $2252.00, bonds & notes due him $4553.42, household $258.50, misc. $65.00).(8)

Sarah Ann and her daughter continued to live in the old garrison house with her father-in-law Nathan. When Nathan made his will in 1865 he gave Sarah Ann "$5000.00 and one-third of his furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, table linen, books and silver utensils." The will also stated "I give to said Mary Abbie and to her mother Sarah A., each during life, a right to a home and

board in the family, in the usual way as now and hereintofore, at and out of the old homestead farm where I now live, and I reserve and give to my son John S. . . . the right at any time on one year's notice . . . to buy out and extinguish said right of either or both to said home and board, by the payment of . . . $1000.00 in full for Sarah A. and of $2000.00 in full for said right of Mary Abbie."(9)

On 22 March 1869 – just 20 days after Nathan died – Nathan's son John Smith, and executor of the will, paid Sarah Ann and her daughter Mary Abbie to leave Nathan's old house and gave them their 1/3 share of Nathan's household goods as the will directed. By 1 March 1870 John Smith delivered $5000.00 to Sarah A. and $12,000.00 to Mary Abbie. Except for about $550.00 in cash, the legacies were paid with stocks, Durham and Dover municipal bonds and shares in local and surrounding banks.(10)

Professor John Smith was dead by May of 1871. In the year following, Sarah Ann, on behalf of her daughter Mary Abbie, petitioned the court for an administration of the estate of her dead mother-in-law (who was also her aunt Abigail H. Chesley Woodman), who had been dead since 1864. In the petition Sarah Ann said that Samuel Chesley had bequeathed to his daughter, Abigail, (wife of Nathan6) to her sole and separate use, a large amount of personal property. An inventory of Chesley's estate totaled $17,773.13, and that Abigail had received a large portion of the share, but not the whole thing. When Abigail died her husband Nathan had been appointed administrator and had filed a bond for $30,000, to return an inventory and to administer the estate according to law, but never did it.

Sarah Ann told the court that after Abigail's death the administrator of Samuel Chesley's estate paid over to Nathan a large amount of the remaining balance due Abigail, "and that said Abigail at her decease did leave a large estate which came to her under the will of her father, the said Chesley – that at her decease she left as heirs of her estate the said John S. who was her son and the said Mary Abbie who is the only child of Charles . . . who was the only other child of said Abigail." The petition continued, "that in fact said Abigail at the time of her decease was not in debt and that after the payment of all the liability of her estate there was left a residue of some $16,000.00 and that said Nathan in his lifetime received a large part of said sum . . . ."

After Nathan's death, she went on, John S. was appointed executor ". . . and afterwards received and retained that portion of said Abigail's estate . . . which Nathan had not received together with all that Nathan had received" — and that "said John S. never filed an inventory of said Nathan's estate." John Smith died in 1871 and his wife Anna Mary had received it all and, "that said Mary Abbie has not received any part of said Abigail's estate."

It was ordered that the letters of administration be issued, but Anna Mary appealed the decision in the Strafford County Superior Court of Judicature.

In her appeal Anna Mary said, that after Nathan administered Abigail's estate, "whatever balance remained he took to himself as his own property and always thereafter treated the same as his own . . . ." She went on to say that her husband John S. paid all the legacies as Nathan's will directed, and that she paid all the legacies as John Smith's will directed. Anna Mary, "feeling herself aggrieved" concluded that "Mary Abbie never had and has no interest whatever in the estate of the said Abigail H." The case was "discharged" by the court.(11)

It is curious there are no inventories for Nathan or John Smith's estate. The law, I think, required it – particularly in estates of this size. John Smith had practiced law and was surely familiar with the legal requirements of New Hampshire. In the case of Nathan's estate $24,000.00 had been paid in legacies which was a considerable sum in those days. It should also be noted, although it may have no bearing, that at the time Nathan's estate was probated that the Registrar of the Strafford County Probate Court was Nathan's nephew William Chase Woodman who, with members of his family were also legatees of Nathan's estate. Wm. Chase died in December of 1870, however, and another presided over the execution of John Smith's estate.

Sarah Ann left Durham and moved to Medford, Massachusetts sometime after August of 1864 and before October of 1882.(12) A widow for thirty-three years, she died there 11 March 1894.(13) Charles Frederick and Sarah Ann are buried in the old family graveyard on the garrison farm with their little son John Frederick. "Leaves have their time to fall/," reads Charles Frederick's gravestone. "And flowers to wither at the north / winds breath / and stars to set – but all / Thou hast all seasons for thine own / O Death!" With a carving of tulips and spring flowers for Sarah Ann is "Mother / No pain, no grief, no anxious fear / can reach our loved one sleeping here."(14)

*Charles F.'s children:*

i A son[8], d. 25 Aug 1857.(15)

ii John Frederick[8], b. 16 Mar 1859; d. 28 Jan 1861.(16)

**8-3** iii Mary Abbie[8], b. 14 Sep 1860.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 396.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 206:31.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 71; gravestone in Woodman Cemetery, Durham, NH.
4. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 212:200; 219:47; 225:409; 228:233.
6. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 368.
7. Gravestone; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #1867.
8. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #1867, #1868.
9. Ibid., Docket #3109.
10. Ibid.
11. Ibid., Docket #3668; Strafford Co. Superior Court of Judicature, 34:399.
12. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 236:87, 274:83.
13. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #9240.
14. Gravestones.
15. New Hampshire Vital Records.
16. Gravestone.

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Also Strafford land deeds: 212:157, 216:182, 360:334, 275:441.

## William[7] (William[6], Jonathan [5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-16.** He was the illegitimate child of his father and Elizabeth Tasker. William was born 8 March 1820.(1) He was born about a year and three months before his father, William, took for himself his first wife – a June bride – named Abigail Joy.(2) In 1911, William's daughter-in-law, Sarah J. Woodman, wrote, "William Woodman's (son of Elizabeth Tasker) father was also named William Woodman – without marriage."(3)

Elizabeth Tasker was born 16 April 1795(4) and may have been from Madbury, New Hampshire. There is evidence the twenty-five-year-old, unmarried mother faced difficulties following William's birth. The towns had a unique system of dealing with their indigent citizens. The names of those people lacking funds to pay for their own care were announced by the town. Following the announcement, various persons submitted bids to support these unfortunates for one year and the town paid the bidders for their efforts. One bidder's plans went awry for on 30 April 1823, Stephen Emerson inserted the following ad in the *New Hampshire Republican,* a Dover newspaper: "The subscriber having contracted with the town of Madbury for the maintenance of Betsey Tasker and her child for one year from the 6th of April inst. and said paupers having absconded, I hereby forbid all persons harbouring or trusting them on my account, as I am determined to pay no debts of their contracting from this date."

Somehow "the paupers" survived and William grew up. On 19 December 1842 William and Abigail Buzzell, both of Lee, New Hampshire, were married by Alvan Tobey. Abigail was born in Lee 10 July (or August) 1820, the daughter of Samuel and Avis (Emerson) Buzzell.(5)

William and Abigail were in Madbury, New Hampshire, in 1844 when they sold land in Barrington, New Hampshire, to John Buzel; by 1850 they were in Durham. In 1858 they paid $4020.00 for the one-hundred-acre Wiggins place, except "reserving to the said Wiggins family the right of burial in the ground already set apart for that purpose." Daughter-in-law Sarah J. wrote, "My house was bought by William Woodman and his feeble mother Elizabeth Tasker when Daniel T. [Sarah's husband] was twelve years old. It was the Wiggins place at that time."(6)

William and Abigail lived out their lives on this place. And they had themselves buried alongside the Wiggins family in the old graveyard the land deed had set aside for that purpose. They were there when, in 1862, the town of Durham listed all its men who might be eligible for service in the Civil War. William was listed as a forty-two-year-old farmer.(7)

On 20 January 1872 William sold the rights and privileges of the water flow at Sullivan Falls on the Lamprey River to George Frost and Augusta Wiswall. The dam was to be built at a height of sixteen feet. Abigail signed the deed.(8) About three years before William died, he deeded one-half of two pieces of land in Durham to his son, Daniel T., one piece being one hundred acres, the other eighty acres.(9)

William died 28 April 1880. By his will, William left his daughter, Maria L., shares of stock in the Cocheco National Bank in Dover, daughter Martha Esther shares in the Dover National Bank, and $1500.00 to his son Walter. William appointed his son Daniel T. executor of the estate and charged him with the guardianship of Walter and Martha E. during their minority.(10)

Abigail B. died 24 February 1897. In her will she gave her son Daniel T. $1.00, her granddaughter Mary A. Durgin $100.00; the remainder of her property was to go to her grandson William E.(11)

Even now, 169 years later, I have hesitated to tell of Elizabeth Tasker and her son William Woodman. Have I violated her memory by retelling her secret? As I write this, I'm certain the prim, proper, maiden lady Susan Woodman of Dover (who was born in 1849), with her New England reticence, is turning in her grave. In a 1921 letter, Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. told Mrs. Fred Varney who was William's great-granddaughter of her great-grandfather's illegitimacy. Susan sent him a reproving letter. "I called on Mrs. Fred Varney and she will try to look up something [genealogy] for you. I am sorry you told her of the illegitimacy of William T. Woodman, her great grandfather. She felt very badly about it. Do not please put in your book. Glide over it as Coffin did in his blue book; *The History of Durham* gives his place of birth, but no date. If I had such a blot in my family," Susan scolded, "I would not want to proclaim it to the world and I'm sure you would not." I chose to tell this story because times have changed – changed from 1820 when William was born, changed since 1921 when Susan sent her protesting letter. In this time (1989) of single-parent families and openness, society seems kinder, more forgiving and tolerant.

The story reveals much about the shortcomings of William$^6$ the well-to-do young father. There is no evidence he ever acknowledged the birth of the son or contributed to his welfare in any way. Indeed, the 1823 newspaper ad may be evidence that Elizabeth's family failed to give her financial support or she may have been cast out of the family. She certainly had been dealt with harshly by the community.

It is, I think, a sad, sweet, poignant tale. William and Elizabeth Tasker remained close all of their lives. They bought a farm together and the 1850 U.S. Census shows she was living in William's house.

Elizabeth died 18 November 1873 and she lies buried near William in the little family

graveyard. On her gravestone is inscribed, "Released from care, at rest she lies/where peaceful slumber closes her eyes/her Faith all trials did endure/like a strong pillar firm and pure/did adverse winds tempestuous roll/hope is the anchor of the soul."

When I visited the old graveyard, the seemingly always luckless Elizabeth Tasker's gravestone lay broken. I have had it repaired. It is certainly sure, I thought, the Woodman family owed Elizabeth Tasker something.

*Gravestone of Willie B. Woodman—Wiggins-Woodman Cemetery*

*William's children:*(12)

i John W.[8], d. 9 May 1844, age 1 year, 9 months, 16 days.

8-4 ii Daniel T.[8], b. 21 Jan 1845.

iii Maria L.[8], b. 20 May 1849 (in the 1850 U.S. Census she is called "Louise M."); married William J. Smith of Madbury at Durham 28 Aug 1875. William J. was born in Nottingham, NH, the son of Joseph Smith of Lee, NH.

Maria L. died 11 Dec 1877. Her gravestone is inscribed: "She scarcely had become a bride which promised happiness for years / Ere death the sacred bond untied / and one is left alone in tears."(13)

iv Walter[8], born 22 Jul 1854, inherited $1500.00 when his father died in 1880. The will also decreed that Walter be placed under the guardianship of his brother Daniel T.

In September of 1881 Daniel T. declared to the probate court that his brother Walter was an insane man and asked they appoint a guardian for him. A committee was chosen by the court to interview Walter, and on 1 October the committee of three agreed that Walter was, indeed, insane, whereupon the court appointed Walter's mother, Abigail B., as his guardian. Walter died 25 Apr 1890 of typhoid fever. In 1921 Mary Varney wrote, "Walter never married. Lived with his mother until he died of pneumonia in 1890, I think . . . ."(14)

8-5 v Martha Esther[8], b. 8 Nov 1859.

vi Willie B.[8], d. 8 May 1865, age one year, one month, nineteen days. He is buried in the old family graveyard.

Notes:

1. Gravestone in Woodman-Wiggins graveyard, Trustee of Trust Funds, Durham, NH.
2. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 396.
3. Letter from Sarah J. Woodman, Durham, NH, 4 Aug 1911.
4. Gravestone.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. 1850 U.S. Census; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 194:600, 223:596, 224:15; letter from Sarah J. Woodman, 4 Aug 1911.
7. 1860 U.S. Census; letter from Trustee of Trust Funds, Durham, NH 18 Jul 1983; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 156.
8. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 259:91.
9. Ibid., 262:418.
10. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #5083.
11. New Hampshire Vital Records; Strafford Probate Records, Docket #8922.
12. Gravestone; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 397.
13. New Hampshire Vital Records; Maria's gravestone.
14. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #5073, 5333; Letter from Mary A. Varney, 32 Lexington St., Dover, NH, 27 Aug 1921; New Hampshire Vital Records.

## George Smith[7] (William[6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-17.** George Smith was born 14 October 1822, the son of his father and first wife Abigail (Joy)(1) who died in 1825 when George was three years old.(2) His father died in 1831 before he was nine, leaving him with the second of two stepmothers.

George inherited his father's entire estate except $500.00 left to the last wife, Betsey (Remick) – and "all the household furniture that she brought with her when she came to live with me." His father's will directed that all the estate be sold and the money be "put and kept at interest" until George S. was twenty-one.(3) On 16 May 1831 George's Uncle Nathan of Durham was appointed his guardian.(4) Susan Woodman (born 1849 in Dover and spent her life there) wrote, "George Smith lived in his [Nathan's] family as a boy most of the time."(5)

On 21 January 1847 George Smith was married to Maria Chase of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at St. Thomas' Church in Dover by Reverend Wm. Horton. Maria Chase(6) was born in Somersworth in 1824, the daughter of Enith (born in So. Berwick, Maine) and Maria (Lord) who was born in Somersworth. Susan Woodman wrote, "Her [Maria's] father was a banker. She was a great friend of my mother's and my sisters, as well as my friend, though a good deal older. I knew all of her family – husband, son, daughter, and her sisters . . . ."

Susan continued, "George S. was at one time in the dry-goods business, but the latter part of his life he kept a grocery store . . . My friend, Mr. Frank E. Christie, who was a great friend of G. S. Woodman (as a boy he was a clerk in Mr. Woodman's store), says he remembers Uncle Nathan Woodman coming over from Durham." The 1850 Census lists George S. as a dry goods dealer in Dover; he and Maria had a two-year-old son William C.; and living with them were Martha P. and Mary C. Chase, ages eighteen and twenty-one, who were likely Maria's sisters.

George Smith and Maria probably had marital difficulties. The Strafford County Circuit Court Records 1874-1876 lists a case, "Maria C. and George S. – Libel for divorce," but the case was dismissed and I have not seen the papers. And the following deeds are curious.

On 23 December 1867 Noah and Lydia Ford deeded, for $2,000.00, land and buildings to Maria for her "sole and separate use, free from control or interference of her husband Geo. S. or any future husband." That same day she gave them a $1300.00 mortgage for the place. Three months later Maria sold the property. A month after that sale, John Ricker and his wife sold land in Dover to Maria with the same stipulation – that it be for Maria's use. That same day Maria and George S. took out a $1500.00 mortgage on the place from the Strafford County Savings Bank. Maria kept the

latter piece of land until 1878, selling it after George S.'s death.(7)

George Smith's relatives remembered him in their wills. His Uncle Nathan left him $1,000.00 in 1869. Susan Woodman wrote, "If it had not been for Prof. John S. Woodman's influence over his father, Nathan, Nathan would have given George S. W. more money." In 1870 his stepmother, Elizabeth (Remick), calling him her "son-in-law," gave him $300.00. George's cousin Prof. John Smith Woodman remembered George and his children with $1,000.00 each in 1871, and provided that he or his children would inherit the Woodman farm and garrison house should something happen to his wife Anna Mary.(8)

George Smith died in Dover 10 May 1875, Maria was his widow for thirty years. She died in Newton, MA 12 April 1905, age eighty-one years, one month, two days. George, Maria and two of their children are buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover.(9)

*George Smith's children:*

i Abbie Joy[8], b. 1852; d. 1852. She is buried with her parents in the Pine Hill Cemetery, Dover, NH.

ii William Chase[8], was born in 1847.(10) He graduated from the Chandler Scientific Dept. of Dartmouth College in 1868, surely under the guidance of his cousin, Prof. John Smith Woodman, who for many years was head of the Chandler school there.(11)

He returned to Dover where he served as the Strafford County Registrar of Probate. William C. inherited $1,334.34 when his grandfather's brother, Nathan, died in 1869. His stepgrandmother Elizabeth (Remick) Woodman remembered him in her will when she died in June of 1870.(12)

On 19 October 1870 William made his will. He left $1.00 to his father and his sister Jennie. The remainder of his estate was intended for his mother, Maria, and he appointed her executrix of his estate.(13) William died 8 December 1870 " . . . at his home in Dover, of consumption, having been confined three weeks. He was a young man of high character and much promise . . . and but for the disease that held his energies in check, would have made his mark in life."(14) So he was dead at the age of twenty-three and never married. Professor John Smith mentioned William C. in his will also, but he did not live to collect it.

Susan Woodman wrote, "William . . . was a great friend of my brother Edward and my sister Mary . . . he died 1870, unmarried."

William C. is buried beside his parents in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover.

**8-6** iii Jennie[8], b. 21 Dec 1858.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 397.
2. *Thomas Joy and His Descendants,* p. 43.
3. Strafford Co. Probate Records, 41:288.
4. Ibid., 30:176.
5. Letter from Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, 1921.
6. *Vital Records of Dover, NH 1686-1850,* facsimile reprint by Heritage Books, Inc., 3602 Maureen Lane, Bowie, MD, p. 254; Vital Records of Massachusetts, Newton, 1905, Vol. 71, p. 449, Boston, MA.
7. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 242:324, 336; 243:31, 62, 75; 265:127; Strafford Co. Circuit Court Records 1874 1876, Dover, NH.
8. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #3109, #3306, #3504.
9. Vital Records of Massachusetts, Newton, 1905, Vol. 71, p. 499; cemetery records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
10. Gravestone; 1850 Census.
11. Dover Gazette, 8 Dec 1870, obituary.
12. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #3109, #3306.
13. Ibid., Docket #3404.
14. Obituary.

## Sarah[7] (Lemuel[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-18.** Sarah, born 15 September 1789; married Deacon John Thompson 22 December 1814. John, born 19 January 1788, was the son of Edmund and Abigail (Emerson) Thompson. John, a prosperous farmer and builder, and Sarah lived on the south branch of the Mill Road. He was a deacon in the church at Durham for forty years. John died 15 April 1875; Sarah followed four years later on 17 May 1879.

*Sarah's children (named Thompson):*(1)

**8-7** i John Emerson[8], b. 25 Sep 1815.
ii Abigail Joy[8], b. 15 Dec 1816; unmarried.
iii Elizabeth Susan[8], b. 14 Aug 1819; m. first Rev. Preston Pond; m. second husband Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris.
iv Samuel Woodman[8], b. 13 Oct 1822; d. 2 Dec 1892; unmarried.
**8-8** v Charles James[8], b. 9 Jul 1827.

Note:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 303-4; Vol. II, pp. 364, 368, 371; Charles W. Tibbetts, Editor & Publisher, *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* Vol. IV, Jan 1907-Oct 1907, Dover, NH, p. 127.

## Samuel[7] (Lemuel[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-19.** Samuel was born in 1793 in Durham, New Hampshire, and grew up to be a joiner (a skilled carpenter) like his Uncles, Moses and Joseph.(1)

The first record of a land purchase was 19 March 1818 when Samuel bought ninety-five square rods on the north side of the New Hampshire Turnpike. In 1824 Samuel bought five acres near the turnpike from his father's cousin William[6].(2)

By 1826 Samuel had moved over to Dover where he remained until his death. In the next three years Samuel bought land in Barrington, New Hampshire, from his Uncles, Jonathan and Joseph; by that time old land deeds called him a "house carpenter."(3)

On 23 September 1835, Samuel and Lydia A. Rollins of Somersworth, New Hampshire, were married in Somersworth by Abner Goodell. Lydia was born 17 September 1806, the daughter of James and Dorothy (Folsom) Rollins.(4)

In 1839, Samuel sold to his sisters, Nancy and Charlotte, thirteen acres in Durham. Included in the sale was a building "in the road . . . called the Toll House." This building was the toll house for the old New Hampshire Turnpike.

In 1842 Samuel borrowed $500.00 from his sister Charlotte, giving her a mortgage on eighteen acres of land in Durham. In December of that same year the deputy sheriff of Strafford County ordered the sale of the eighteen acres to pay for a judgment against Samuel, who had been sued (and lost) in the Court of Common Pleas. Charlotte, probably to protect her investment, paid $400.00 for it. Now she had $900.00 of her money invested in eighteen acres of ground.(5)

There is no evidence Samuel ever repaid the loan to Charlotte. Following his death on 31 July 1863 Lydia signed Charlotte's mortgage deed giving up her dower in the piece of property.(6)

Lydia died in 1866. Samuel and Lydia and their four children are buried together in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover, New Hampshire.(7)

Susan Woodman of Dover, New Hampshire, wrote in 1921, "Samuel Woodman who md. Lydia Rollins . . . lived here and died here. I knew all of his children. All died unmarried."

*Samuel's children:*

i Charles S.[8], born 1836, died 27 Sep 1872. He had a crockery and glassware business in Lawrence, MA. When his brother James died in 1871, Charles was appointed administrator of

his estate, but his own death 27 Sep 1872 prevented his completion of the task. His brother Theodore W. was appointed to settle Charles' affairs in Dover.(8)

ii James Rollins[8], born 1838. He lived in Dover where he had a glass and crockery store. When he died 10 Nov 1871 without a will, the court appointed his brother Charles S. as administrator; since Charles conducted a similar business in Lawrence, MA, he should be perfect for the job.

At the time of his death, James owned one-fourth of the southerly half and one-half of the northerly half of the house on Court St., in Dover known as the homestead, and portions of two other properties. His accounts receivable showed that 125 people in the town and surrounding area owed him money, totaling $1996.00.

An inventory of the store showed that besides the usual goblets, tumblers, plates, pitchers and trays, James R. sold an amazing array of goods – nappies, spit cups, bedpans, bitter bottles, specie jars, flower pots, bird cages and Rockingham teapots. He had stocked the store with mantle ornaments, toilet chamber sets, window brushes, feathers, paper curtains, and yards of Holland cloth. James sold window shades, Oregon Shades and porcelain shades along with carpets made of straw, tapestry, hemp and oil. The value of James R.'s estate totaled $12,319.23.

On 19 Nov 1872 Lizzie C. and Theodore W. told the probate court their brother, Charles S., had died 27 September, before completing the administrative duties of brother, James R.'s estate. Could Theodore, they asked, assume that responsibility? The court assented and Theodore made his final report in October 1875.(9)

iii Elizabeth C.[8], b. 1844. Although she was called "Lizzie C." – even signing legal documents that way – her name was Elizabeth C. Elizabeth died 26 Oct 1891, in Boston of congestion of the lungs. Her only living relative, brother Theodore W., was administrator of her estate.(10)

iv Theodore W.[8], born 23 Jun 1841, in Dover, and, I think, spent his entire life there as a builder.(11)

When Theodore sat down in 1912 to make his will, he had a problem. Except for a couple of distant cousins in Boston, and perhaps some unknown heirs of his Aunt Sarah Thompson, he had no relatives to leave his money to. His last sibling had been dead for twenty-one years.

He had inherited from his brothers and sister and had enjoyed some success from his work; he made, what for that time, was a considerable sum of money. He owned thirty-one pieces of property in Dover. Eleven of them were single-family homes; eighteen other buildings contained a total of fifty-seven apartments. Commercial property on Central Ave. held a bank, shops, and dwellings. The real estate was valued at $80,350.00, and Theodore's personal estate totaled $30,433.00, which included $20,000.00 of stocks and bonds, cash, a $100.00 horse and an Overland automobile worth $150.00.

After Theodore's death later that year, it was discovered he had made an unusual will – unusual enough to be printed on the front page of Dover's *Foster's Weekly Democrat.* He had left money to friends, tenants and former tenants of his houses, the church, the Dover's Children's Home, Hayes Hospital, Dartmouth College, Exeter Academy, and an organ for Pine Hill Cemetery's Ricker Memorial Chapel. The town of Dover was to receive $10,000.00 to establish a public park; the Bellamy Club was to receive $500.00. The total of his bequests was $92,220.00.

The principal recipient of Theodore's largess was Leah Helen Hutchins whose relationship to Theodore is not known. The 1900 Census lists her as a twelve-year-old child living in Theodore's house.

Affairs of Theodore's estate remained active – generating income for years. On 29 December 1930, Leah Helen, now Leah Helen Perkins of Boston, petitioned the court. More than sixteen years had elapsed since the executor had been appointed, she said, and she wished the estate to be settled. In May of 1933, the executor, Charles S. Cortland gave his final accounting. By then the

estate had a worth of more than $157,500.00. After paying all the legacies and obligations, nearly $18,000.00 was left in the account.(12)

I have not found a Woodman Park in Dover. There is a Woodman Park School there, which may be on ground purchased with the $10,000.00 Theodore left for a park for the town.

Notes:

1. Gravestone in Pine Hill Cemetery, Dover, NH; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 397.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 107:62; 120:442.
3. Ibid., 127:567; 134:267, 537; 143:55; U.S. Census 1830, 1850, 1860.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records; John Rolins, *Records of the Family Named Rawlins or Rollins in the United States,* 1874, p. 78.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 181:273; 191:169, 417.
6. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #2203; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 191:169.
7. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
8. *Rollins Family,* p. 78; Essex Co., MA Probate Records, Docket #57834; Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #3723.
9. *Rollins Family History,* p. 78; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #3564 and #3724.
10. *Rollins Family History,* p. 78; New Hampshire Vital Records; Strafford Co. Probate, Docket #7613.
11. Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #2204; *Foster's Weekly Democrat,* Dover, NH, 1912.

## Elizabeth Locke[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-20.** Elizabeth Locke was born 4 June 1798 at Barrington, New Hampshire. On 4 August 1825 she married Reuben Foss in Thornton, New Hampshire. She died 1 July 1859 at Campton, New Hampshire. She was mentioned in her father's death papers. Reuben died in Thornton 14 September 1864.(1)

*Elizabeth's children (named Foss):*(2)

i Carlenda Jane[8], was b. 6 Jun 1827 in Campton. On 10 Aug 1852 she m. Samuel R. Chase. They lived in Tilton, NH. She d. 6 Feb 1907. She had children.

ii Clarissa Ann[8], b. 26 Feb 1829. She m. Samuel Easter 17 Aug 1869 and d. in Lowell, MA, 30 Apr 1883.

Notes:

1. Grafton Co., NH, Probate Records 1773-1900, ad. 1832.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.: *Locke Family Genealogy*.

## Alexander[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-21.** Alexander was born 27 August 1801 probably in Durham, New Hampshire. He accompanied his parents to Peeling (now Woodstock), New Hampshire, by 1811. On 12 February 1825 Alexander and his father paid off a mortgage on lot #5 in the 3rd range of lots which was about one hundred acres. The next day his father gave Alexander a deed to half of the land. Three years later, in March of 1828, Alexander's father, Isaac, sold him the other half of the one hundred acres. Isaac and Mary were to remain and continue in possession during their lifetime.(1)

On 21 February 1830 Alexander married Phoebe S. Wallace who was born about 1803.(2)

In 1840 Alexander and Phoebe were in Thornton, New Hampshire, in a household with one male 10-15, one male 20-30, one male 30-40, one female 0-5, one female 30-40; they continued to live there until sometime after 1850. By 1860 they were in Haverhill, New Hampshire, and they are also said to have lived in Woodstock, New Hampshire.(3)

Alexander moved to Plainfield, Vermont, where he died in 1882. Addie C. Woodman Berry wrote, "Uncles Nathaniel and Alexander's families used to visit us often, but can tell you nothing

about them or their families. Have no picture of them – wish we did."(4)

*Alexander's children:*(5)

i John S.[8], b. about 1838.

**8-9** ii Hannah[8], b. about 1839.

iii Mary[8], b. about 1843.

**8-10** iv Augusta[8], b. 11 Jun 1844.

(The *Locke Family Genealogy* lists a child James, who probably died young.)

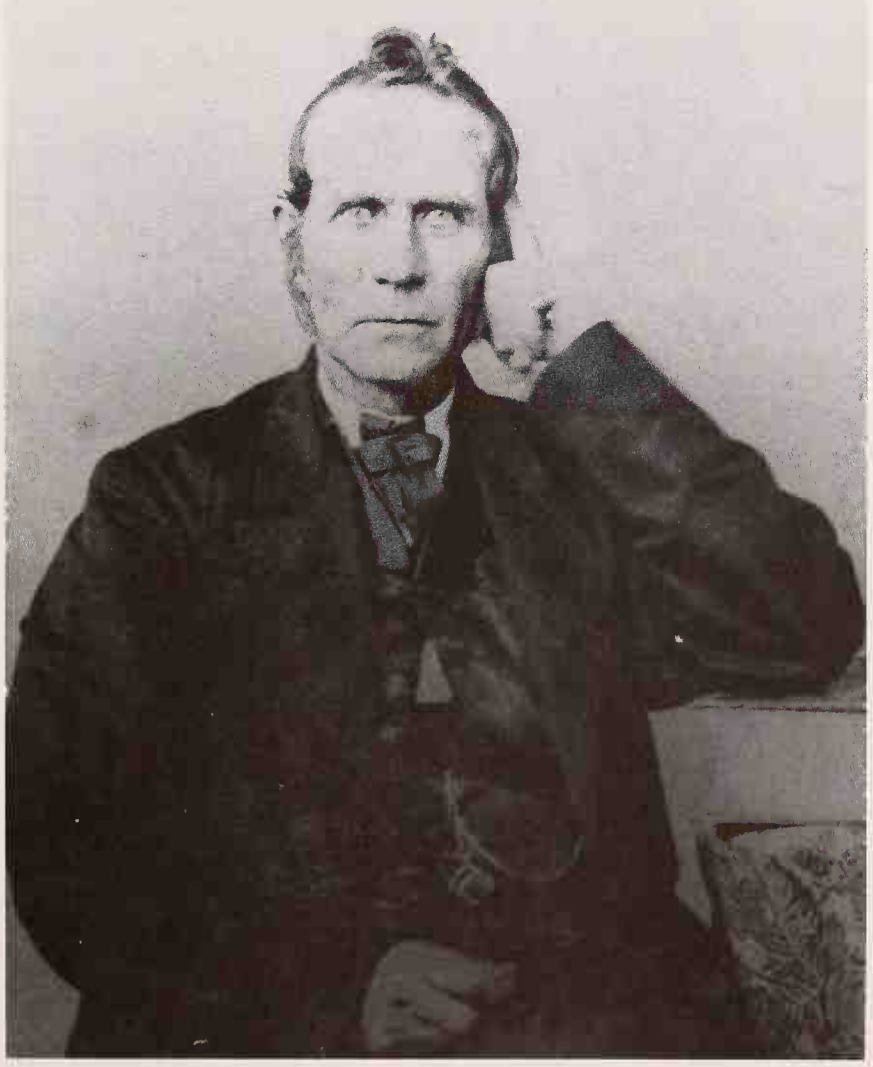
Notes:

1. Reg. of Deeds, Grafton Co., Woodsville, NH, 123:209; 122:435, 122:436.
2. Vital Records of area near Woodstock, found in Cemetery Record at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH, and International Genealogical Index.
3. 1840, 1850, 1860 U.S. Census of New Hampshire.
4. A letter from Addie C. Woodman Berry, Box 103, Northwood, NH, 7 Sep 1921.
5. 1850 U.S. Census: notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Locke Family Genealogy*.

## Ira[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-22.** Ira was born 6 or 16 July 1803 in Barrington, New Hampshire. He married Eunice Kimball of Rumney, New Hampshire, 26 October 1826. Eunice's daughter-in-law, Lucy, said she was positive that Eunice was born in New Hampshire in 1806.(1)

Ira, a shoemaker, is said to have lived in Rumney until 1833. That year he moved to Boston where he stayed but a short time. It is said that he moved his family back to Rumney and on 4 May 1835 he went to Warrenville, Illinois; by 1838 he had sent for his family to join him there.



***Ira Woodman***

Freeman Woodman wrote, "My Uncle Ira was a shoemaker by trade in New Hampshire. He went West to Illinois . . . stopped in Aurora, Illinois and worked at his trade. He must have made money for it was only a few years before he bought the farm – one-hundred-sixty acres – and built a good house and barn . . . ."

Ira and his son, George E., went to California about 1850 to search for gold, but found none, and returned to Illinois.

"He (Ira) didn't like to work on the farm himself," wrote Freeman. "He liked to deal in stock – buy and sell – and made money that way. He liked fine horses and always kept a fine covered carriage and a fine driving team . . . He was sort of a leader in the town of Warrenville where he lived. He was near what was called the 'big woods' where they made the maple syrup in an early day."

Freeman explained, "Uncle Ira liked to dress fine and make a show, what you would call a 'dude' in some ways . . . Aunt [Eunice] was very proud and stylish as they were very much alike in that respect. Uncle Ira was about six feet tall and strait [sic] as an Indian, very fine looking."

Ira's grandson, Frank George, remembered Ira: "Grandfather Woodman was taller than father. Close to six feet. His wife was short. That is where we get the shortness. He was always full of fun – his habits good."

Lucy C. Woodman had this to say about her father-in-law, Ira: "Ira was a fine looking man and a well-dressed man, but he despised a person who did not put in all their time early and late at work, and good lively steps included. I lived in his family one year after I was married and I think I know."

Ira's nephew, Freeman Woodman, wrote, "Aunt Eunice died there on the farm after or during the war [Civil]. My uncle sold the farm and stock for $20,000.00 soon after aunt died. He married again."

Lucy C. thought Eunice died in February of 1865. She said that Ira's second wife was Laura Wheaton Jenkins who had a daughter named Mary Jenkins.

Ira died in Aplington, Iowa, 5 April 1881. "He was buried in Illinois where his first wife was buried," wrote Lucy. "The cemetery used to be the old neighborhood cemetery. In the early days there was a small church at the place. I do not know whether anything has been done with the graves as the little church and the parsonage has been gone for years. This was called the Big Woods Church."

And then, forty years after poor old Ira had died, he became the subject of a scandal, a story spurred on and spread by his nephew Freeman Woodman and Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. Freeman wrote that after Ira sold the farm for $20,000.00 he had spent the money foolishly. "It slipped away from him," wrote Freeman, "and he died a poor man who had to go back to shoemaking for a living." Ira's grandson, Frank George Woodman, wrote, "My father said that he could not find out how grandfather lost his money. I guess he would not tell. He died without a dollar."

Then Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote to Ira's daughter-in-law, Lucy, about Ira and the lost money. She was furious and hotly defended Ira. "Some things you asked about Ira Woodman is not correct or just," she scolded. "I knew him from the time I was thirteen years old . . . I felt rather sore about the scandal of his life. Someone did not know him as well as I did. He was one of my best friends and I really can say he was a good father to me," she concluded.

And then Freeman Woodman had the last word, "I want to set you right in regards to my Uncle Ira. The loss of his property was his own fault. His second wife was a jewel. My uncle squandered his money on a worthless neighbor girl and had to fall back on his old trade. But the second wife proved true to the last."

*Ira's children:*

**8-11** i Miretta C.[8], b. 22 May 1827.
**8-12** ii George E.[8], b. 12 Oct 1828.
iii Eunice Ann[8], was b. 26 Mar 1832 at Plymouth, NH. On 19 Sep 1854 she m. Henry P. Stolp. She died 1 Apr 1872 at Aurora, IL. Frank George Woodman said she had no children.(3)
iv Harriett E.[8], b. 25 Jul 1834 in Boston, MA; d. 30 Jan 1853 at Warrenville, IL.
**8-13** v Isaac Freeman[8], b. 20 Jun 1838.
**8-14** vi Mary M.[8], b. 20 Jan 1841.
vii Joseph A.[8], b. 1 Jun 1846; d. 13 Oct 1849.

Notes:
1. International Genealogical Index, L.D.S. Records.
2. This essay is a composite of the following: Letters from Freeman Woodman, Toppenish, WA, 19 May and 8 Jun 1921. Letter from Frank George Woodman, Maxwell, IA, 19 Mar 1921 and 6 Apr 1921. Letters from Lucy C. Woodman, Tama, IA, 1 Jul and 13 Jul 1921. Letter from Malcolm Albon Woodman, 4169 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE, 27 Jun 1921.
3. Letter from Frank George Woodman, 6 Apr 1921.

## Nathaniel J.[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-23.** Some accounts say Nathaniel J. was born in Barrington, New Hampshire, but old land deeds give his father Isaac's address as Durham, New Hampshire, when Nathaniel was born 15 December 1804.(1) He married Betsey Kimball of Rumney, New Hampshire, 22 May 1828.(2) She was born about 1806.(3)

In 1840 Nathaniel was living in Thornton, New Hampshire, with two males 0-5, one male 5-10, one male 30-40, one male 40-50, one female 5-10, one female 10-15, one female 30-40. In 1850 and 1860 Nathaniel and Betsey were listed as farmers in Bath, New Hampshire.(4)

Betsey J. died 22 September 1875. By 17 Apr 1876, in Bath, the seventy-one-year-old Nathaniel married a twice-married widow named Mrs. Ellen B. Mann. She was fifty-eight years old and listed from Bath. She is said to have been from Peru, New York, the daughter of John B. Gowey of that town.(5)

Nathaniel, a farmer, was said to also be a shoemaker. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "He was actively engaged in the State Militia and held a commission as Captain. He was a Methodist."

Nathaniel died in Bath on the 4th of July in 1880. An inventory taken of his estate totaled $200.00. By the time the late Nathaniel's bills were deducted, the Court decided Nathaniel's estate should be declared insolvent. By 20 February 1883, Ellen B., now calling herself Ellen B. Hutchins, was asking the Court for a widow's allowance from Nathaniel's personal estate. She was awarded $10.00.(6)

Ellen died 29 April 1892. In 1878, two years before Nathaniel had died, she had made a will leaving her half of a "mill privilege, spoke mill and the mechanics thereunto" and miscellaneous household goods to her daughter Susan H. Woodman. This Susan H. was probably the wife of Nathaniel J.'s son, Kimball Franklin.

*Nathaniel's children:*(7)

**8-15** i Betsey Jane[8], b. 30 Apr 1830.
**8-16** ii Emily Caroline[8], b. 8 Aug 1831.
**8-17** iii Kimball Franklin[8], b. 8 Jul 1833.
iv Lyman[8], b. 2 Aug 1835. He m. first Mary Judd. His second wife was Mary Jane Ford,

a forty-two-year-old of Laconia, NH, whom he married 8 Feb 1883. Mary was born in Concord, NH, on 26 Nov 1842, the daughter of Edward and Hannah Wilson. This was Mary J.'s second marriage also.(8)

In 1900 Lyman and Mary J. were in Laconia at 298 Province Street. Living with them was a grandson called Arthur Berry who was born in October 1888 in New Hampshire and an adopted son Arthur D. Prescott who was b. in June of 1894.(9)

Lyman, a carpenter, died of Brights Disease and dropsy (sic) in Laconia 17 Oct 1907, where he had lived for twenty-five years; at the time of his death he still lived at 298 Province Street. Mary J. died in Gilford, NH, 10 Nov 1922. She is probably buried with Lyman in the Union Cemetery in Laconia.(10)

v Martha Ann[8], b. 14 Dec 1845 at Bath, NH. On 30 Oct 1879 in Lisbon, NH she became the second wife of John L. Davis of Haverhill, NH. John L. Davis was a hotel keeper who was born in Gilford, NH, about 1836, the son of Samuel Davis.(11)

Notes:

1. Strafford Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, 33:316, 34:208, 49:373.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. 1850 U.S. Census of New Hampshire.
4. 1840, 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society.
6. Grafton Co., NH, Probate Records, 1773-1900.
7. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census; notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Grafton Co., NH, Probate Records 1773-1900.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1900 U.S. Census.
9. Ibid.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records.
11. Ibid.

## Caroline[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-24.** Caroline was born 5 September 1806 in Barrington, New Hampshire. She married Joshua Connor on 4 September 1830 at Quincy, Massachusetts. She married a second husband, Lemuel Wallace, and died in West Thornton, New Hampshire 26 March 1875.(1)

*Caroline's children (named Connor or Wallace):*

**8-18** i Mary Elizabeth[8], b. 22 Mar 1832.
ii Caroline[8], b. 13 Mar 1834; d. 14 Jun 1834. A twin.
iii Emeline[8], b. 13 Mar 1834; d. 20 May 1834. A twin.
**8-19** iv Harriette Brown[8], b. 25 Mar 1835.

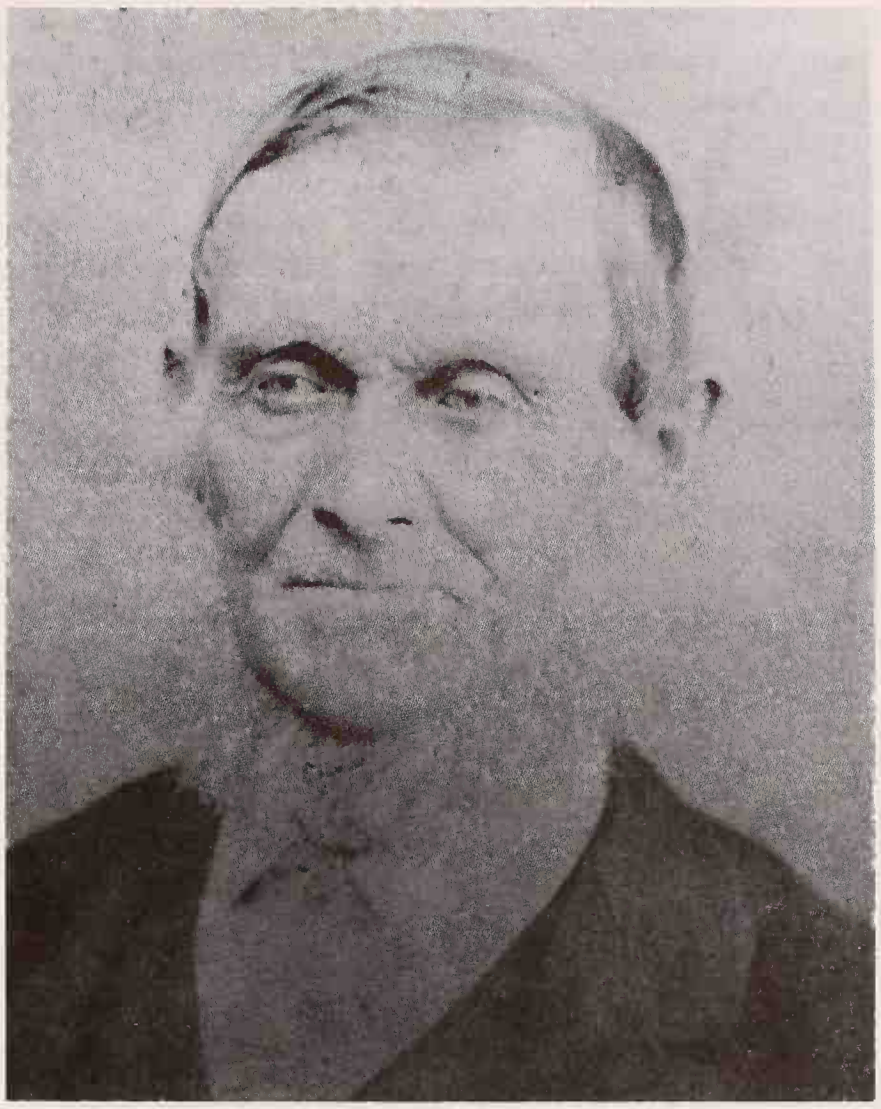
Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Locke Family Genealogy.*

## Joseph[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-25.** Joseph was born 31 May 1809 in Woodstock, New Hampshire. He married Eleanor Barnard 12 January 1838.(1) Eleanor was born 19 November 1815 in Thornton, New Hampshire, the daughter of Daniel and Elinor (Page) Barnard, whose descent is as follows:

Tristram and Tabitha Barnard of Amesbury, Massachusetts, had sons: David, Edmund, Tristram and John. David married Miriam Curier and they had four children – Daniel, David, Dorothy and Morrill. Daniel, born 1771, married Elinor Page and had eight children, of whom only three survived; Eleanor was the youngest.(2)



***Joseph Woodman***

Joseph and Eleanor's son, Freeman wrote, "My father worked in Boston before Grandfather [Isaac] died. He was a watchman there in Treadwell's Rope Factory. It was the first factory where they made rope by machinery and the other rope men threatened to tear it down. Father was there when the first engine was brought over from England and saw them set it up and start it. And in 1800 [sic] he came back to the World's Fair in Chicago to see the same engine."(3)

Freeman wrote that after Isaac died his father, Joseph, took over the old farm in Woodstock, and took care of Grandmother and Joseph's youngest brother Charles until they went West in 1848.

They left Woodstock in May 1848 and headed West with five little children. Freeman, the eldest, was ten years old. They had the five-year-old twins, three-year-old John and Sarah Elizabeth, who would have been less than three months old.

Freeman said they went by stage to Plymouth, New Hampshire, by cars to Buffalo, New York, and by boat from there to Chicago. There were eight in their family and eight in the Case family who went with them. The boat trip lasted seven days because they were delayed by a storm.

Freeman wrote:

> There wasn't much to Chicago then; a big slough surrounded it and there were no railroads there. The first railroad built was from Chicago to St. Charles, called the 'Old Galena'—a little over thirty-five miles. When we reached Chicago, father's brother, Ira, met us with two horse-teams and took us to his home at Warrenville, Dupage County, Illinois, where he had been living on his farm for several years. We stayed with him for two weeks and then moved to our own home in what was called the New Hampshire Settlement.(4)
>
> During the move a bad storm forced us to stay overnight in the Howard Hotel in St. Charles and one man was killed by lightening. Upon reaching our farm, the log cabin had to

be repaired and we stayed with Luther Merrill, a New Hampshire man who had been there for several years and owned a farm house. His first wife was one of my mother's relatives.

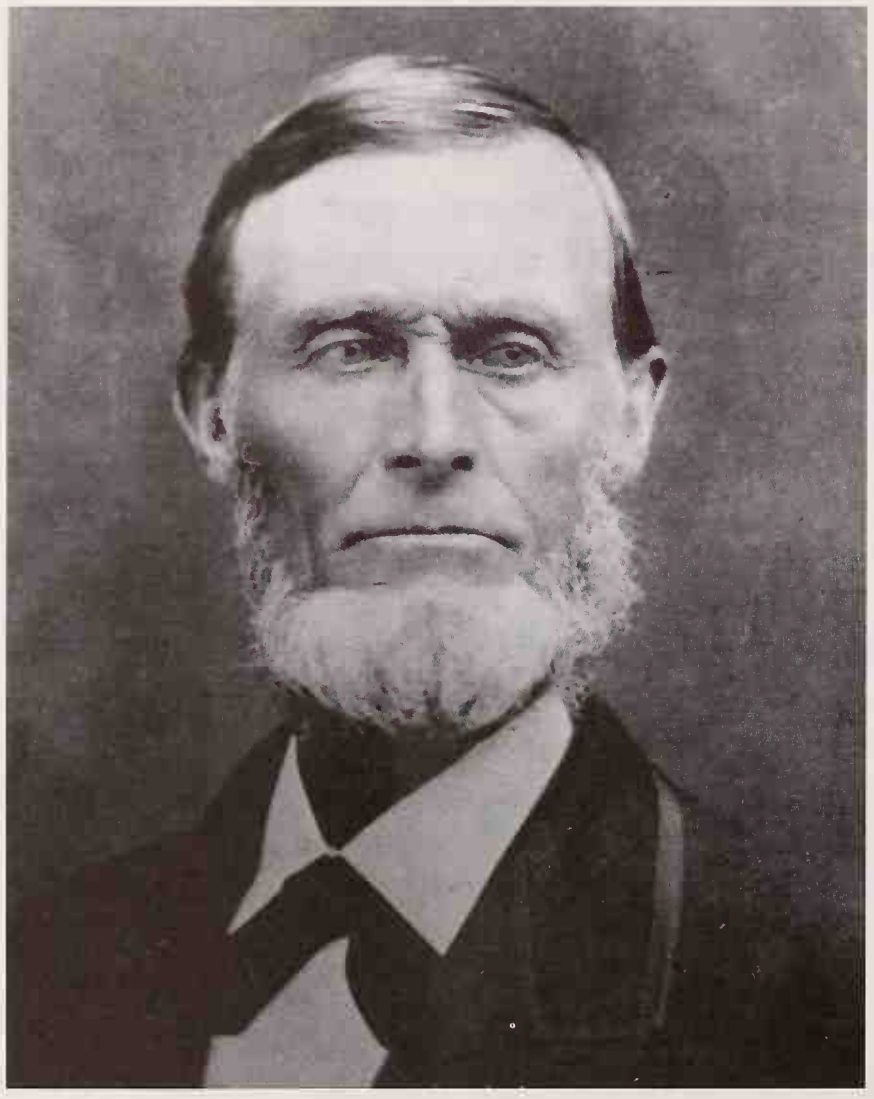
The farm was in Kane County, near Elburn, which was called Blackberry Station then, with 120 acres of prairie and forty acres of woods. When we got settled, father had enough money to buy a yoke of oxen and a few groceries. The oxen and I did the work on the farm for several years – for I was ten years old – and father could work out by the day.

He was a great hunter and every winter we had bear and deer meat. Father kept sheep, and in the fall, when the bears came down and killed them, he'd set the big steel trap and catch the bears. The oil and skin always brought good money and we ate the meat. He always trapped mink, sable and fox; he used to say he must be part Indian.

He always kept bees, too. In the fall he'd go off into the woods, camping two or three days, to hunt wild bees. I've known him to do this even when he had 200 swarms at home; he wanted the spree. He always kept honey in the house. Father and my brother, Ira, kept bees up on the mountains in California, too. Father went back to his old home in New Hampshire and brought back apple seeds to plant. The neighbors told him he would never live to eat the fruit, but he did!

He owned quite a few cattle and drove several herds overland to California with his brothers. His home in Elburn was large and fine; two stories and ten rooms. He burned his own brick. The land leading to the house from the highway was lined with magnificent hard maples on each side.

When the Civil War started Father wanted to go, but we boys told him to stay at home and care for mother and the children – that we would go! Father was tall, straight, had high cheeks, dark curly hair and gray eyes. He was a good worker, sober and industrious. He was kind-hearted in his family relations and a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. In those days he would be called a 'shouting' Methodist.(4)



***Joseph Woodman***

On 17 August 1870 Joseph and Eleanor applied to the government to collect an extra bounty due them for their dead son, John's, enlistment in the Civil War.

In August of 1891 Joseph and Eleanor filed a declaration for dependent parent's pension, based upon John's Civil War record. By that time they were in Garden Grove, Orange County, California. Joseph would have been eighty-two and Eleanor was seventy-five. In 1893 they continued to apply. Dora B. Chaffee testified, " . . . they are in feeble health and unable to earn a living . . . they have no income except from a few chickens and one cow." Another testified that they resided on a little place of five acres owned by another party.

It isn't clear if their application was approved before Joseph died 25 June 1896 at Garden Grove, but Eleanor was receiving $12 per month when she died 23 December 1903 in Illinois. Joseph is buried in Santa Ana, California, but Eleanor is buried in Illinois.(5)

*Joseph's children:*

**8-20** i Freeman[8], b. 24 Dec 1838.

**8-21** ii Juliet[8], b. 12 Jun 1841.

**8-22** iii Ira[8], b. 12 Jun 1841.

iv John[8], b. 9 Apr 1845, in Woodstock, NH. On 18 Feb 1864 he made a decision that would end his life twenty-six months later. That fateful day in February the nineteen-year-old, blue-eyed, brown-haired, 5-feet-9-inches-tall farmer enlisted in the Civil War. His older brothers, Freeman and Ira, had already been in two and one-half years and he was surely itching to go. He even joined their outfit – Company A of the 52nd Infantry Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. The government paid him a $60.00 bounty to enlist.

***John Woodman in the Civil War***

Fifty-seven years later – in 1921 – his brother Freeman looked back sadly. "John was a husky lad. He enlisted in the same company as I was in, but the last two years of the war we were on the march, fighting all the time, and it needed hardened older soldiers."

Freeman continued, "In South Carolina sometime in February 1865 (John) had an injury to the instep of a foot, caused by marching over corduroy roads, and having to make some 40 miles in South Carolina was hard."

A corduroy road was constructed of logs laid crosswise. While they kept the Army out of the mud, they were very rough to walk on. Bruce Catton called South Carolina "some of the worst marching country in America . . . They [the Army] made their roads as they went, leading a prisoner to complain, 'If your Army goes to hell, it will corduroy the road'."

"It was right in the dead of winter," Freeman wrote, "raining and cold all the time – even snow squalls . . . This foot had been injured when John was a baby, the foot got lame and soon became a running sore. He had chronic diarrhea also. He soon got so he could not march and was put into an ambulance and taken to Charleston and from there to a hospital in New York City . . . I didn't hear from him for three months . . . He was sent home at the close of the War, sometime in July or August 1865."

Army Surgeon, Dr. Crawford, deposed that he treated John after he returned home and found him suffering from necrosis of the bones of one foot with blood poisoning and diarrhea.

A neighbor testified, "I knew him to be a bright energetic young man, not easy to give up at trifles." John seems not to have been without a fool-hardy courage, for the neighbor added, "The day the decayed bone was removed he crawled on his face or hands to get a shot at some pigeons. He was a good shot and a temperate good boy."

John died 5 March 1866 at Virgil, Kane County, IL. Brother Freeman said he died a "happy Christian."

**8-23** v Sarah Elizabeth[8], b. 28 Feb 1848.

**8-24** vi Joseph Gardner[8], b. 3 Jun 1854.

Notes:

1. Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
2. A letter from W.B. Emmons, Town Clerk, West Thornton, NH, 1 Jun 1921.
3. A letter from Freeman Woodman, Toppinesh, WA, 19 May 1921.
4. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
5. John Woodman's military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC; letter from Freeman Woodman, Santa Ana, CA, 22 Aug 1921.
6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; John's Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 18 Sep 1981; Bruce Catton, *American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War,* American Heritage Publishing Co., NY, 1960, p. 569.

## Mary Ann[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-26.** Mary Ann was born 1 May 1816 in Peeling, New Hampshire (now called Woodstock); she was sixteen years old when her father died.(1)

On 12 October 1834 she married a tanner and dresser of glove stock – a glove manufacturer – named Pelatiah Russell, who was a son of Joseph Russell. Married on the groom's twenty-first birthday, Mary Ann embarked upon a union that would produce fourteen children during the next twenty-eight years;(2) she had her last child in 1862 at the age of forty-six.

Mary's daughter, Mrs. Florence Glynn wrote, "She was a remarkable woman in many respects. She possessed a bright, intelligent mind and a sunny disposition, which must have been sorely tried during her early married life. I remember how fascinated I was to see mother spin wool

from the sheep we raised on the farm and then weave it into cloth for the children's winter clothes."[3]

Living in Thornton, New Hampshire, until 1869, the couple moved to Plymouth, New Hampshire, where Pelatiah died 12 February 1892. Mary Ann lived with her daughter Florence Mable Glynn in Tilton, New Hampshire, until she died 27 March 1908, in her ninety-second year.[4]

***Mary Ann (Woodman) Russell***

*Mary Ann's children (named Russell):*[5]

**8-25** i Charlotte McQuestron[8], b. 13 Jan 1836.

**8-26** ii Mary Melissa[8], b. 21 Mar 1837.

**8-27** iii John Marshall[8], b. 5 or 15 Sep 1839.

**8-28** iv William Alonzo[8], b. 5 Jan 1841.

**8-29** v Elizabeth Jane[8], b. 1 Dec 1842.

vi Caroline[8], b. 24 Jul 1845. She was a dressmaker at 7 Fifth Avenue, New York City and unmarried. She died there 7 Jun 1914.

**8-30** vii Ellen Locke[8], b. 25 Jan 1847.

viii Emily[8], b. 29 May 1849; m. Gill Fletcher Dearborn 28 Nov 1872. She d. 23 Jul 1873 at Plymouth, NH, without children.

**8-31** ix Armenah Helena[8], b. 27 Sep 1850.

**8-32** x Frank Pelatiah[8], b. 7 Mar 1852.

**8-33** xi Harriette Cora[8], b. 3 Jun 1855.

xii Florence Mable Lang[8], was b. 10 Jul 1857 in Thornton, NH. She married Thomas Frances Glynn 10 May 1893.

She was a teacher in Tilton, NH, for a number of years. "My mother died in March 1907,"

[sic] wrote Florence, "and my sister, Mrs. Gould, died the following May and I was left alone [in Tilton]. In 1915 Florence left Tilton and moved to Plymouth, NH, to a house across the street from her sister Harriette Cora. "There are only five of us left now . . . there was a large family of us."

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote of Florence Mable, "Too much cannot be said in praise of her generous, frank, refined nature. She has supplied almost all of the facts regarding the family of Mary Ann Russell." Florence had no children.

xiii Clarence Dudley[8], b. 19 Sep 1859; d. 12 Feb 1864.

xiv Katherine Ethel Wells[8], b. 8 May 1862. She married first Marcus Linnaeus Emmons 7 Dec 1880. When he died she married on 10 May 1893 Charles Reade Gould who was a prominent physician in Tilton for forty-five years. He died 11 Nov 1911. She was a milliner in Tilton, and died there 21 May 1912. Katherine had no children.

Notes:

1. Grafton Co., NH Probate Records, Woodsville, NH; Adm. 1832 1773-1900.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records found in the Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
4. Genealogical information from Florence Mable Lang Russell Glynn, 8 Prospect Street, Plymouth, NH, 28 Dec 1921 and letters 11 Jan 1916, 7 Feb 1921, 15 Sep 1924.
5. Data furnished by Florence Russell Glynn with an update 28 Dec 1921, Plymouth, NH.

## Charles[7] (Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-27.** Charles was born in Woodstock, New Hampshire, 24 March 1822, the youngest of ten children.(1) His father died when he was eleven. He and his mother continued to live on the old family farm which Charles' elder brother, Joseph, operated after their father's death.(2)

Charles is said to have taught school for several winters, and to have farmed on his father's farm for two years. The farming likely began when his brother Joseph went West in 1848.

That year (1848) he married Jemima Avery on 20 March. She was born 7 March 1829 at West Compton, New Hampshire, the daughter of Jacob A. and Jemima (Cook) Avery.

Charles and Jemima were on the farm when the census was taken in 1850. By the time the 1860 Census was taken they lived in Thornton, New Hampshire, where Charles was called a merchant. He is said to have been a merchant there for fifteen years before moving to Bridgewater, New Hampshire, where he bought a farm in 1865.(3)

Charles' son Charles Sumner described Charles as 5 feet 10 inches tall with blue eyes, dark brown hair, and a florid complexion. He was a Republican and a Methodist. Charles had participated in town affairs, having been a justice, a selectman, town clerk and treasurer.(4)

Charles' daughter Addie Caroline wrote proudly, "Father was an uncommonly smart boy and man. He learned all his letters [the alphabet] in <u>one day.</u> Can you beat it? He went through the old Adams' Arithmatic in 11 weeks and there was nothing in it – problems I mean – that he couldn't solve. And once when I was teaching there was a great time over a problem in one of the late Arithmatics and my Father beat them all and got the answer. Do you wonder we children were <u>proud</u> of him? He was one of the <u>best</u> fathers in the world. That tells it.(5)

"We have no decent pictures of my dear Father," Addie wrote. "At one time I had sold the photographer a large crayoned picture and for part pay he was to take as many large photos of both my parents as I wanted but I could <u>not</u> get them started. Lyman was coming up to help me get them to have them taken but alas! Waited too long and we have none." (All the underscoring was Addie C.'s.)(6)

Jemima died 3 March 1897 of paralysis and la grippe. Charles followed her 11 November 1899. Both are buried in Blair's Yard Cemetery in Campton, New Hampshire.(7)

***Corydon Edward, Lyman Beecher, Adelaide Caroline, & Austin Wallace Woodman***

*Charles' children:*(8)

**8-34** i Jacob Astor[8], b. 29 Dec 1849.

ii Adelaide Caroline[8], was b. 29 Nov 1850, and was called 'Addie' by her family. She remembered many of the family and wrote charmingly and lovingly about them.

Addie wrote, "I was a teacher and artist for many years before I married my husband Simeon E. Berry of Northwood, NH . . . [he] is a veterinary, traveling summers and known as 'The Lame Horse's Friend'."

Addie C. did not marry until 20 June 1901 when she was nearly fifty-one. In some references she was called a "crayonist," as she did her art work with crayons.

"My health is very poor, in fact, very bad," the seventy-one-year-old Addie wrote in 1921. " . . . I never knew of any very bad Woodmans," she concluded, "and hope you have not unearthed any." (The underscoring is hers.) Addie C. had no children.(9)

**8-35** iii Charles Sumner[8], b. 6 Feb 1852.

iv Lyman Beecher[8], was b. on the 4th of July in 1855 in Thornton, NH. On 11 May 1885 in Nashua, NH, he married A. Burns who was the daughter of William and Louisa Burns of Millbury, MA. Lyman B.'s brother Corydon E. wrote that Lyman's second wife was a Mrs. Davis of Laconia, NH, but he did not know her name. She was probably Elizabeth M. who divorced Lyman B. 30 Dec 1925. They had married 8 Jun 1914. Her reason, she said, was "Conduct such as to seriously injure health."(10)

Lyman B. died in Laconia, New Hampshire where he had resided for thirty-eight years. He had been the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel in that town for most of that time. Lyman E. made his will on 5 Apr 1926 and died four days later.

He directed that his executor secure a lot in the Union Cemetery in Laconia where "the land is high and dry," and left $200.00 to the city to be held in trust that his grave could be maintained.

By then, two of Lyman's brothers were dead, but he generously remembered their children. He left a trust of $7500.00 for his sister Addie, who was seventy-five and in very poor health. His living brothers Austin Wallace and Corydon E. received $5000.00. Lyman B. had no children.(11)

v Cora May[8], b. 4 Feb 1858; d. 2 Aug 1858.
**8-36** vi Corydon Edward[8], b. 25 Feb 1860.
**8-37** vii Austin Wallace[8], b. 5 Apr 1865.

Notes:

1. Charles' gravestone, Blair's Yard Cemetery, Compton, NH, Cemetery Records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; father's will, Grafton Co., NH, Probate Records, 1773-1900.
2. A letter from Freeman Woodman, Toppenish, WA, 29 Jul 1922.
3. 1850, 1860 U.S. New Hampshire Census; Ezra S. Stearns *History of Plymouth, NH,* Vol. II Genealogies, 1906, p. 757-8; Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer of Grafton County, NH 1709-1886,* Part First, Syracuse, Journal Co., Syracuse NY, June 1886, p. 175.
4. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., Elijah Franklin would have gotten these when Charles Sumner Woodman visited him in spring of 1909.
5. Letter from Addie C. Woodman Berry, Box 103, Northwood, NH, 7 Sep 1921.
6. Ibid., 28 Aug 1921.
7. Cemetery Records from New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; New Hampshire Vital Records.
8. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census; *Gazeteer of Grafton Co., NH 1709-1886,* p. 175.
9. Letters from Addie C. Woodman Berry, Box 103 Northwood, NH, 28 Aug and 7 Sep 1921.
10. A letter from Corydon Edward Woodman, 430 Main St., Pawtucket, RI, 10 Aug 1921; New Hampshire Vital Records (Divorces).
11. New Hampshire Vital Records; Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #12-044.

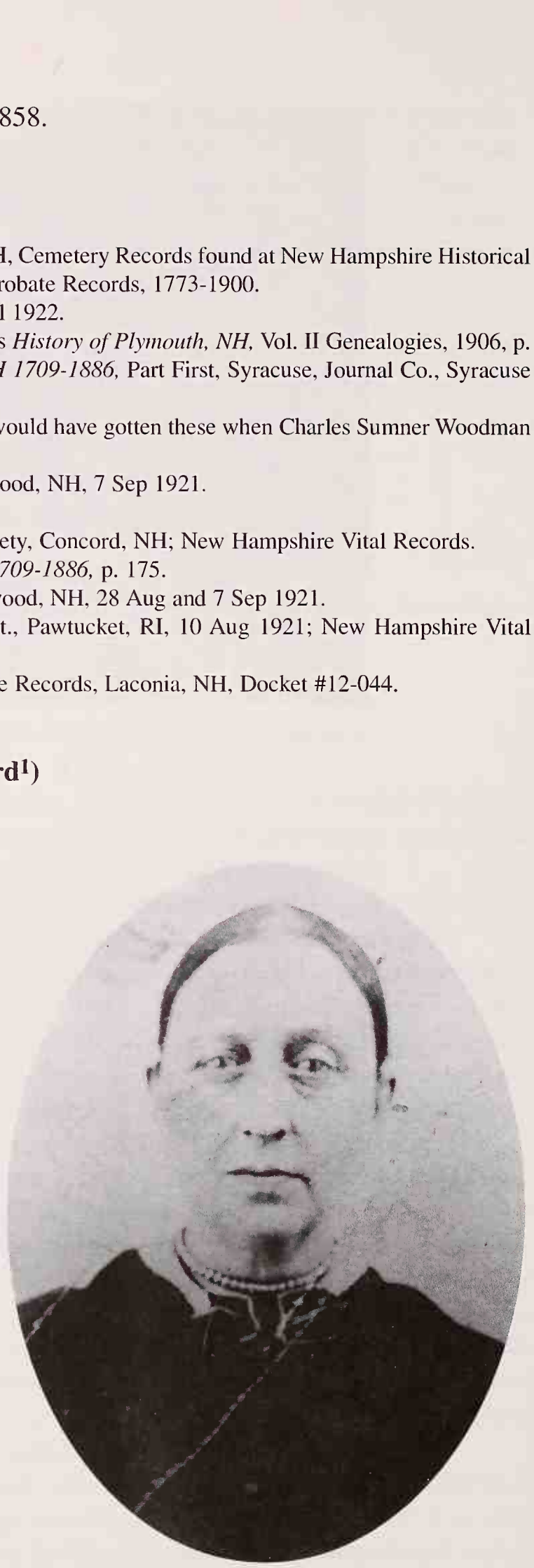
## Elizabeth[7] (Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-28.** Elizabeth (called Eliza in her father's will) was born 6 November 1818; died 3 February 1870; was married to Novard (Norard?) Grover in Somersworth, New Hampshire, 20 May 1843 by Justice of the Peace Hiram R. Roberts. Novard was born in 1808.(1)

On 4 December 1863 at Brooks, Maine, Novard enlisted in Company B, 19th Regiment of the Maine Volunteers. He was transferred to the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery where he was reported missing in action at Weldon R.R. (in Virginia) 25 August 1864.

It was later discovered that Novard had been taken prisoner. On 13 May 1868, Joseph W. Hulse wrote, " . . . I was a prisoner in the rebel prison at Salisbury, North Carolina, in December 1864; that I well knew Novard Grover . . . who was confined in the same prison; that I attended him in his last sickness and that he died in said prison on the nineteenth day of December A.D. 1864; that I was present when said Novard Grover died and wrote the date of his death upon the flyleaf of my Bible . . . ." The cause of his death was diarrhea.

Elizabeth applied for a widow's pension. She was paid $8.00 per month, with an additional $2.00 for her child Annette who had not yet reached the age of 16.(2)



***Elizabeth (Woodman) Grover***

Elizabeth's children (named Grover):(3)

**8-38** i Clara[8].

ii Margery[8], never married. In 1921 she lived in the Wentworth Home for the Aged, Dover, NH.

**8-39** iii Annette[8], b. 7 Sep 1851.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. A letter from E. E. Gibbs, Saco, ME, 6 Aug 1921; Novard's military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
3. Letter from E. E. Gibbs; letter from Margery Grover, Wentworth Home, Dover, NH, 27 Jul 1920.

## Margery Steele[7] (Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-29.** Margery Steele was born 22 June 1821; died 14 November 1882; was married to Daniel Chesley 3 January 1844 by Elder John W. Tilton. Daniel was born 15 August 1811, the son of Paul and Sarah (Hooper) Chesley. Margery is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery, Dover, New Hampshire.(1)

*Margery's children (named Chesley):*(2)

i Rosetta Maria[8], b. 12 Dec 1845; m. William Estes Roberts of Dover, NH on 5 Dec 1865.

ii William Knight[8], b. 10 Sep 1847; d. 1891.

**8-40** iii Sarah Elizabeth[8], b. 8 Oct 1849.

iv Annie Margery[8], b. 18 Sep 1851; married first, David H. Gage of Dover, NH, on 10 Jun 1885. David died 16 Jul 1900. Annie married second husband, Andrew J. Kimball, 11 Jul 1906.

**8-41** v Laura Abbie[8], b. 21 Aug 1853.

vi Frank Albert[8], b. 29 Nov 1855; d. 2 Feb 1893. Married Eliza F. Berry in May 1884.

vii Carrie Olivia[8], b. 18 Apr 1857; m. Stephen H. Davis of Newmarket, NH on 7 Aug 1895.

viii Daniel[8], born 11 Oct 1859, in Madbury, NH. Daniel lived on the old farm in Durham which had been owned by Chesleys since the town began. His business, D. Chesley & Company, was in nearby Dover, where he specialized in brick and stone masonry, earthwork and moving buildings. Daniel was a selectman, a representative to the legislature and a member of the State Constitutional Convention. He served as State Senator several years. Daniel never married.(3)

**8-42** ix Mary Addie[8], b. 26 Aug 1861.

**8-43** x Charles Paul[8], b. 24 Sep 1863.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 72,74, 75, and 397; letter from Daniel Chesley, Dover, NH, 22 Aug 1921; New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Ibid.
3. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 320-1; *Biographical Review of Belknap & Strafford Counties, 1897,* p. 512; letter from Daniel Chesley, 19 Apr 1921.

## Jacob S.[7] (Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-30.** Jacob S. was born about 28 or 29 October 1823, in Durham, New Hampshire. When his father died in February of 1852, Jacob inherited the so-called twenty-five-acre Beach Hill ("Beech" Hill is so frequently misspelled "Beach" on land deeds, I have often let it stand) pasture and ten acres of the homestead farm in Durham. He was executor of his father's will.(1)

A month and two days after his father's death, Jacob sold the Beach Hill pasture to his brother, Moses Gilman. By June of that year Jacob was in South Reading, Massachusetts, when he

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sold the ten acres of homestead land to Moses G.[2]

Jacob married Lucy Ann Stearns of South Paris, Maine, 20 July 1852 in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Lucy was born 12 April 1828 in Paris, Maine, the daughter of William and Johanna (Porter) Stearns.[3]

Jacob was living in Boston in 1878 when he made a loan of $2100.00 to his sister, Emily, and her husband, James Butler, by taking a second mortgage on their property in Durham.[4]

Jacob was a cabinetmaker when he died on Christmas Day, 1885, in Medford, Massachusetts. He was buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts.[5] Lucy lived twenty-nine more years, dying in Melrose, Massachusetts, 29 December 1914 at age eighty-six. She is buried with Jacob at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.[6]

*Jacob's children:*[7]

i Edwin Larey[8], b. 31 Mar 1853 in Boston; d. 3 Oct 1888 in Dover, NH. A single man.[8]

ii George Albert[8], b. 23 Aug 1855 at Brighton, MA. The 1900 U.S. Census called him "George F. b. Aug 1859 – living with his mother at 24 Poplar St., in Melrose, MA."

iii William Stearns[8], born 11 Jul 1860 in Boston; died 12 Mar 1941 in Melrose, MA. He married Mary A. (whose last name might have been "Pershing") who was born in Pennsylvania in August 1861. In 1900 William and Mary also lived with Lucy in Melrose. At the time of his death he was called a retired wholesale dry-goods salesman of Bartlett-Copplinger-Maloon Company. He is buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.[9]

iv Ellen Porter[8], b. 18 Mar 1863 in Dedham, MA. In 1900 (U.S. Census) she and her husband Charles E. Osborne who was born in Nov 1860 in Maine were living with her mother, Lucy. In that record Ellen called herself "Nellie."[10]

Notes:

1. Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, Vol. 65, p. 189; Vol. 67, pp. 60, 351; LDS International Genealogical Index.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 210., p. 64; Vol. 211, p. 246.
3. A letter from Margery Grover, Wentworth Home, Dover, NH, 27 Jul 1920; Lucy's death record, Dept. of Health Bldg., Boston, MA, Vital Records 1896-present.
4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 265, p. 344; Vol. 266, pp. 439, 464.
5. Massachusetts Vital Statistics, State Archives, Boston, MA; 1885 Medford Deaths, Vol. 365, p. 159.
6. Ibid., Dept. of Health, Boston, MA, 1896-present.
7. LDS International Genealogical Index; Margery Grover, Dover, NH.
8. Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1895, 74:19; New Hampshire Vital Records.
9. Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1895, State Archives, Boston; Dedham Vital Records 133:265; 1900 U.S. Census; Massachusetts Vital Records, Dept. of Health, Boston, 1941, 58:521.
10. Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1895, State Archives, Boston, 160:203.

## Emily[7] (Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-31.** Emily was born about 1829. She married James Butler November 1851, who was born 20 August 1823, the son of Francis and Hannah (Chesley) Butler.(1) When Emily's father, Moses, died in 1852, she inherited his two best feather beds and $75.00. Emily and her husband were living in Durham, New Hampshire in 1878-9.(2)

*Emily's children (named Butler):*

i Edgar Weston[8].
ii Frank[8].
iii Benjamin Ellsworth[8].

Notes:

1. 1850 U.S. Census, Durham, NH; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 49; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #632.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 265:344, 266:439, 266:464.

## Moses Gilman[7] (Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-32.** Moses Gilman was born 3 November 1830 in Durham; his father's will called him "my youngest son." In old letters, the family called him "Gilman," as does the 1850 Census.(1) When his father died in 1852 Moses G. inherited sixty acres of the homestead farm and all the personal property not mentioned in the will.(2) In the six months following his father's death Moses G. busied himself putting the old homestead back together. He purchased the two pieces of land his brother Jacob S. had inherited and bought thirteen acres from his father's sister (Aunt Alice[6]), who by then was eighty-five years old.(3)

Moses G. married Hannah F. Chesley, who was born 7 June 1831, the daughter of Stephen P. and his first wife Hannah C. (Pendexter) Chesley. Hannah F.'s father Stephen P. Chesley married a second wife Elizabeth Woodman[7] (Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]). Hannah F.'s sister, Anna Mary, married John Smith Woodman[7], the son of Nathan[6] (Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]).(4)

On 16 February 1860 Moses bought fifteen acres from Hannah's father Stephen P. Chesley which he and Hannah sold in 1872.(5) Hannah died 2 May 1894(6) and the court appointed Moses G. to administer her estate. A committee inventoried Hannah's estate as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 a. and 100 rods in Durham [that Hannah bought in 1886] | | | 270.00 |
| 7 a. and house partly in Durham, partly in Madbury [that Hannah inherited from her father] | | | 70.00 |
| Pew #46 in Congregational Church in Durham | | | 20.00 |
| Parlor Set | 16.00 | Carpet | .75 |
| Carpet | 2.40 | Bureau | .50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Looking Glass | .75 |
| Album | .50 |
| Rocker | .50 |
| Whatnot & contents | 2.50 |
| 7 Pictures | 1.50 |
| Bracket | .25 |
| Lamp & Shade | .50 |
| 4 Tidies | .50 |
| Entry & Stair Carpet | 2.00 |
| Entry Mat & Carpeting | .45 |
| Chamber Set | 8.00 |
| " Carpet | 2.00 |
| Bed & Bedding | 2.00 |
| Colored Napkins & Table Cloths | 1.00 |
| 2 Linen Table Cloths | 1.50 |
| 2 doz. Linen Napkins | 1.50 |
| Sheets & Pillow Cases | 1.25 |
| 1/2 doz Towels | .50 |
| Commode Set | .75 |
| Bracket & Mat. | .25 |
| Bureau. 7 Chairs & Stand | 2.00 |
| Bed Spread & Table Cloths | .40 |
| | 49.00 |

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|---|---|
| Sack Bedstead | .50 |
| Blanket | .75 |
| Trunk | 1.00 |
| Baskets | .10 |
| Looking Glass | .25 |
| 6 Chains | .60 |
| Table & 2 table cloths | 1.50 |
| 5 Pictures | .50 |
| 130 pieces Crockery & glass ware | 5.00 |
| Table Screens | .25 |
| 1 Doz Knives & Forks | 1.50 |
| Knife & Steel [sic] | .50 |
| 5 Towels | .25 |
| 23 Spoons & Butter Knife | 3.00 |
| Castor, Tea and Coffee Pot | 1.00 |
| Wa_ _ ers[?] | .25 |
| Extension Table & Cloths | 3.50 |
| Carpet | .50 |
| Hanging Lamp | .75 |
| 4 Chairs | .40 |
| 4 Pictures | .40 |
| 9 Curtains & Fixtures | .75 |
| | 24.50 |
| | 49.00 |
| Total | 73.50 |

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Moses G. reported to the court that Hannah's estate lacked sufficient funds to pay her debts, and the court directed him to sell her real estate. Following the sale, Moses G. submitted his administrator expenses as follows:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1894** | | | | |
| May | 12 | To | 1/2 day on petition & processing bond | 1.50 |
| " | 16 | " | 1/2 day Dover on same | 1.50 |
| " | 16 | " | 1/2 day posting notices & seeing to publication of same in newspaper | 1.50 |
| " | 17 | " | 1/2 day to Dover after legal advice as to duties as admin. | 1.50 |
| " | 18 | " | 1 day at Dover & Salmon Falls looking up estate of deceased | 3.00 |
| " | 19 | " | 1/2 day examining records | 1.50 |
| " | | " | paid Reg. Probate license | 1.00 |
| " | 22 | " | 1 day going to Rochester to look up personal property | 3.00 |
| " | 25 | " | Arranging goods for appraisal | |
| " | 26 | " | & notify appraisers | 6.00 |
| " | 29 | " | 1 day with appraisers | 3.00 |
| June | 18 | " | time to Probate officer for copy of inventory | 1.00 |
| " | " | " | paid for same | 1.00 |
| " | 20 | " | 1/2 day Dover for legal advice | 1.50 |
| Octr. | 3 | " | 1/2 day Dover to Probate Office for papers | 1.50 |
| " | | " | Making petition for license | 1.00 |
| " | 26 | " | 1/2 day Dover to see about license making petition for | 1.00 |
| Dec | 10 | " | time getting auctioneer | 1.50 |
| " | 13 | " | posting bills for auction | 1.00 |
| " | 22 | " | attending auction sale of R. Est. | 1.50 |
| " | 26 | " | 1/2 day Dover with D. Chesley to see about deed | 1.50 |
| **1895** | | | | |
| Jany | 10 | " | Same at Dover with Cath. Casson about deed | 1.50 |
| Feby | 16 | " | time at NewMarket with Dr. J. L. Elkins to settle claim | 1.50 |
| March | 9 | " | 1/2 day Dover selecting grave stones | 1.50 |
| " | 16 | " | 1/2 day Dover with John Kirel making my admin. acct | 1.50 |
| | | " | time in Probate Court to settle the admin. acct | 3.00 |
| | | | | 45.50 |

By 1900 Moses G. was living alone on his farm with a servant.[8] In April 1902 Moses G. made his will. He requested that his grave be furnished with the same type of stones as those on his wife's grave and that $100.00 be placed in trust with the city of Durham with the income used for keeping the family cemetery in good condition.

He gave his daughter, Anna M. Reynolds, one dollar. Maggie Bunker, wife of George I. Bunker of Bradford, Massachusetts was to receive $25.00, a featherbed and two pillows. Moses G. wanted his niece, Margery Grover of Dover, to have a bureau, a looking glass and a large-sized mahogany table that belonged to Moses G.'s mother. Harry, the son of George H. and Clara Churbuck of Dover, was to receive a full chamber set including the carpet from the sitting room chamber. Mrs. Jane Stiles, the housekeeper, the sum of $100.00.

Daniel Chesley, son of Moses G.'s sister, Marjorie S., was to have the use and income of the Beach Hill twenty-acre pasture plus the eight-acre woodland which Moses

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G. bought of his brother Jacob S. At Daniel's death Harry Churbuck would receive the property and, if he was not living, then Clarence Nute, the son of the late Charles and Sarah Nute of Dover would be the inheritor. The remainder of the estate was to be given to Daniel Chesley.

"It is my will that if any of the legatees, devises or any of my heirs at law shall contest this will or in any way delay or hinder my executors in the settlement of my estate, he, she, or they shall take nothing from this will."

Moses G. amended his will 7 April 1905 and again 31 July 1908, thus making his sister's son, Daniel Chesley, the sole inheritor of his possessions – except the $100.00 to care for the graveyard and the $1.00 be left his daughter Anna.

Moses G. lived on and on – a widower for twenty-one years. But by December of 1915 Moses G. could no longer care for himself. Four days before Christmas Moses G. – now in his eighty-fifth year – was made a ward of his nephew Daniel Chesley. Two months later, 14 February 1916, he was dead; he is buried in the old Moses Woodman cemetery with his people.(9)

Moses G.'s only public service was in 1874 when he was a selectman in Durham. He was a farmer, spending all of his eighty-five years on that piece of ground which had been handed down through time. That land was part of the old "burnt ground" Captain John[2], got from the town 19 March 1693/4. Now he had given it to Daniel Chesley. After 223 years of Woodman ownership, the land had finally slipped away.(10)

*Moses Gilman's child:*(11)

**8-44** i Anna M.[8], b. 12 Jun 1859.

Notes:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 397.
2. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Vol. 65, p. 189, Docket #632.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 210, pp. 64, 164; Vol. 228, p. 25; Vol. 211:246.
4. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 73.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 228, p. 25; Vol. 251, p. 325.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #8207.
8. 1900 U.S. Census.
9. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket X3230, X3281; New Hampshire Vital Records.
10. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 368; *Landmarks of Ancient Dover,* pp. 19, 154.
11. New Hampshire Vital Records; letter from E. E. Gibbs, Saco, ME, 15 Sep 1921; Administration papers of Hannah F. Woodman, Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket X8207, X3230, X3281.

## Seth Walker[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-33.** Seth Walker was born 23 July 1813 in Barrington, New Hampshire. He married Louisa M. Gear on New Year's Day 1843. She was born 29 (or 31) July 1820, said to be the daughter of an Englishman.(1)

Seth was said to be an expert carpenter who lived in Boston until he went home to operate his father's farm. By 1850 Seth and Louisa, with three small children, were living in Barrington with his parents Joseph and Sally. Sometime after 1850 Seth left his father's farm, for by 1860 they were in Lee, New Hampshire.(2)

Seth's sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Leonard Woodman said, "He [Seth] was the largest of the family very stout, nearly 6 feet and weighing over 200 pounds. He wore a full beard, had a dark complexion and dark grey eyes. He was a very jolly, pleasant man, but not a great talker. He was a Democrat and a member of the Universalist Church. His wife was a very pretty woman with especially beautiful dark eyes and a fine figure. She was a large strong woman and full of fun."(3)

Seth died 14 April 1880 in Lee.(4) An inventory listed his homestead farm, in Lee ($1500.00)

and the farm ($600.00) and woodlot ($500.00) in Barrington.

Seth and Louisa's house had a "cook" room, dining room, parlor and four bedrooms and a front entry – all fully furnished. His work animals were a pair of oxen; he had no horses.

Louisa paid the undertaker $21.00 for his services and Joseph James earned $2.00 for digging the grave; the gravestone cost $50.00.(5)

With luck, she bought a double gravestone, for Louisa M. was dead by 17 November 1882.(6) Said to have died of asthma, she had passed on before Seth's estate was even settled.

In her will Louisa left Otis E. the livestock and farming utensils. He was to have the 100-acre farm in Lee if he paid his sister Elizabeth A. Jones $100.00. Charles A. inherited the old twenty-five-acre homestead in Barrington which had belonged to his grandfather Joseph. Sons George A. and Leroy W. received the woodlot in Barrington.(7)

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Seth was said to be buried in Giles Cemetery in Lee, and was to be moved to Lee Hill Cemetery, Lee.(8)

*Seth's children:*(9)

**8-45** i George Albert[8], b. 13 Apr 1845.

ii Leander Ervin[8], b. 14 Dec 1846. Never married, Leander died 15 Apr 1870 of pneumonia in Amesbury, MA where he was probably staying with his brother George Albert. He was buried in Lee Hill Cemetery in Lee.(10) His stone is inscribed: "gone gone loved one / gone to thy tomb / but its not cheerless / hope dispells its gloom / while we are weeping / ore the hallowed ground / thou are but sleeping / till the last trump shall sound."

iii Otis Eaton[8], b. 14 May 1848. Never married, Otis inherited his parent's family farm in Lee where he farmed and worked as a blacksmith. In his will he left everything to his brothers, George A., Leroy W. and Charles A., and the children of his sister Elizabeth A. Jones. He died April 11, 1908 and is buried in Lee Hill Cemetery.(11)

**8-46** iv Elizabeth Ann[8], b. 3 Feb 1851.

**8-47** v Leroy Watson[8], b. 15 Aug 1853.

vi Charles Austin[8], b. 25 Aug 1864. He inherited his grandfather Joseph's twenty-five-acre homestead in Barrington when his mother died in 1882.(12) He seems to have always lived in Lee, NH where Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought he managed a grocery and mercantile store. Charles A. lived to be seventy-five years old. When he died 20 Oct 1939 in Lee he had a personal estate of $26,799.89 – most of it in cash. Since he had never married all of it went to his nieces and nephews. He is buried at Lee Hill Cemetery.(13)

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 397.
2. 1850 U.S. Census, Barrington, NH; 1860 U.S. Census, Lee, NH (The 1840 and 1850 Boston U.S. Census have a "Seth" living there).
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #5072 1/2.
5. Ibid.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #5597 1/2; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398; 1850 U.S. Census, Barrington, NH.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records.
9. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #5072 1/2, #5597 1/2; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398; 1850 U.S. Census, Barrington, NH.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records; A report from Robert Giddings Kimball[11] of Epping, NH, a great-great-grandson of Seth Walker Woodman.
11. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1900 U.S. Census, Lee, NH; Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #X863.
12. 1900 U.S. Census, Lee, NH; 1917 City Directory of Dover, NH and surrounding towns.
13. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #A1089.

## Sarah[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

7-34. Sarah was born 24 November 1814. She married Alfred Mathes of Durham, New Hampshire, 16 April 1837 in Barrington, New Hampshire. Alfred was born in Durham 16 June 1812, the son of Valentine and Sarah (Crommett) Mathes. Alfred died 16 March 1855 in Durham; Sarah lived a quarter century longer, dying 14 April 1891 in Newmarket, New Hampshire where both are buried.(1)

*Sarah's children – all born in Durham (named Mathes):*

i Susan Adeline[8], b. Jul 1840; d. in Durham 13 May 1863.

8-48 ii John Adams[8], b. 14 Mar 1842.

8-49 iii Anmaretta[8], b. 16 May 1851.

iv Hannah Rebecca[8], b. 1853; d. the same year in Durham.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 268, 397; New Hampshire Vital Records; an unsigned, undated biography from Myra I. Mathes Blanchard, 476 Westford St. Lowell, MA.

## True William[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

7-35. True William was born 25 July 1819 in Barrington, New Hampshire. He married Harriet N. Thompson of Somersworth, New Hampshire, 29 January 1849. Harriet was born in Newfields, Maine, on 20 May 1820, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Corbett) Thompson.(1)

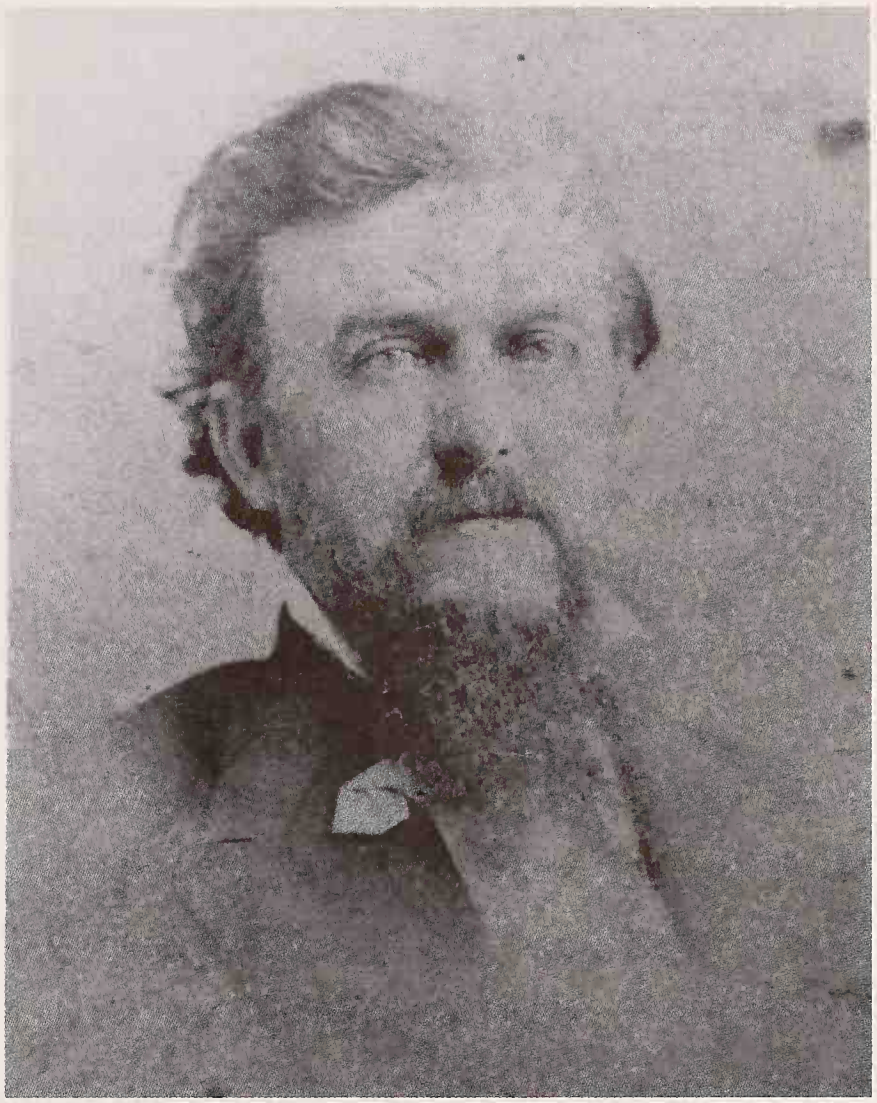
Their daughter, Minnetta May Wiesner wrote, "My father True William was post master of Somersworth (or Great Falls as it used to be called), under President Buchanan's term of office. He was also a deputy sheriff for two terms. A baker by trade, and later carried on a grocery business up to time of his death."

Christmas was a sad one in 1873, for Harriet died on the 19th of December. Harriet had her last child at the age of fifty and now she left five children under the age of fifteen; the two youngest were three and six.

Seven years later, on 18 October 1880, the family still not grown, True William died. His elder sons Weller Worth and Bliss Breckenbridge and daughter Hattie (Harriet) H. Wingate asked the courts to appoint an administrator, for True William had never made a will. Guardians were appointed for the young children.

Now an inventory of True W.'s store was taken; it had truly been a general store. He had sold slates, percussion caps, fish hooks and lines, filberts, English walnuts and "castina" nuts, fly screen, puzzles, whiplashes, stove polish and pickled salmon. The store was stocked with all sizes of jugs and demijohns, washboards, awning, benches, kerosene, popcorn, coal hods, pickled tripe, squash, twine, faucets, an array of spices, lard, thirty-four lamp chimneys, rhubarb, flour and sweet oil.

Many people must have smoked for True's store carried a large assortment of tobacco: Puzzle Tobacco, tobacco twists, 1400 cigars (in four price ranges), cheroots, plugs, Durham Tobacco, snuff, yellow snuff, cigarettes, fine-cut tobacco, 402 pipes and tobacco papers of several sorts. True had on hand eight gallons of brandy, "one lot of liquor in bottles" and a barrel of whiskey worth $80.00, which, incidentally, was the most costly item appraised in the store.



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But all did not go well with the estate. By 17 April 1882 Hattie and Weller Worth appealed to the court. The administrator, they said, "by reason of . . . gross negligence and inattention . . . has suffered a large portion of the personal estate . . . to be wasted and said estate subjected to great and unnecessary cost and expense by allowing divers suits to be instituted against said estate when the demands for which said suits were brought ought of right to have been paid."

A new administrator was appointed who immediately declared the estate insolvent. True William had 106 creditors – all wanting to be paid. His house and lot on Pleasant Street was appraised at $1600.00 but there were $700.00 worth of mortgages on it; True had also owned about three acres on the road going out to Forest Glade Cemetery. All was sold to satisfy his creditors who settled out for a little more than fifty cents on a dollar.(2) Each of the children received $133.17 from an insurance policy. Growing up was probably not easy.

True W. and Harriet N. are probably buried in the Forest Glade Cemetery there in Somersworth. True W.'s sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Leonard Woodman said, "He was pre-eminent in his home county – in fact, one of the county's most honored and respected men. He was a very handsome man, molded like a Spaniard; almost 6 feet, very erect, a dark skin, dark eyes and curly black hair."

*True William's children:*(3)

**8-50** i Weller Worth[8], b. 20 Aug 1849.

ii Willetta Williams[8], b. 26 Apr 1851; she d. 7 Sep 1852. She is buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Barrington, NH, where her grandparents were buried a few years later. On her stone is engraved:(4)

The summer days soon pass away
Birds seek a sunnier land
An angel took our child away

She dwells in spirit land.
'Twas with the birds she came in spring
In Autumn fled on angel's wing.

iii Flagg Forrest[8], was b. 21 Aug 1852 – just about two weeks before his sister Willetta died. His little life was a brief one for he died 31 Jan 1858. His parents buried him beside Willetta. On his stone, sweetly and sadly, they called him "Flaggy."(5)

Flaggy's hands are folded meekly
o'er his marble breast
Parted the curls are gently
from the brow we have pressed
Sweet are his slumbers
in the land of the blest.

**8-51** iv Harriet Hellen[8], b. 28 May 1854.

v Bliss Breckenbridge[8], was b. 24 Apr 1858. He, with his brother, Weller W., petitioned the court to appoint an administrator for their dead father's affairs in 1880, but Bliss d. before the estate was settled. Only twenty-four, Bliss B. d. in Dover, NH, 30 Mar 1882, having never married.(6)

vi Cass Clayton[8], was b. 26 Apr 1860. Although he was twenty when his father d. in 1880, he was regarded as a minor by the courts and a guardian was appointed until he reached his majority in a year. Cass C. was in Lowell, MA, about the time his father's estate was settled. He d. 14 Dec 1891.

In February 1889 Martha Elizabeth Givin Woodman testified in Cook Co., IL Probate Court that Cass married Louisa Crowel and they had no children.(7)

vii True William, Jr.[8], was b. 14 Aug 1864. Sixteen at the time of his father's death, the court appointed a guardian for him. By the time the estate was nearing the settlement stage, True William was listed as being in Chicago, IL, where five of his father's brothers had settled. True William d. two days past his twenty-fifth birthday on 15 (or 16) Aug 1889.(8)

**8-52** viii Minnetta May[8], b. 4 Sep 1867.

**8-53** ix Lettie Lester[8], b. 9 Sep 1870.

Notes:

1 *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398; a letter from Minnetta May Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921.
2. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #5151 and #5207.
3. Ibid.; letter from Minnetta May Wiesner.
4. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; *Graveyards of Barrington, NH,* compiled by the Barrington, NH Historical Society, 1976, p. 89.
5. Ibid.
6. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #5191.
7. Ibid., Dockets #5191 and #5207.
8. Ibid.; New Hampshire Vital Records.

## James Monroe[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-36.** James Monroe was born 9 November 1821 in Barrington, New Hampshire. On 17 March 1855 he married Maria P. Brewster who was born 21 December 1834 at Great Falls (now called Somersworth), New Hampshire, the daughter of William K. Brewster of that town. Almost immediately the newlyweds went to Chicago.

Chicago was still a fledgling city in 1855, but growing at such a rate that it would have offered many financial opportunities to the adventuresome.(1)

In 1921 James Monroe Woodman, a son of John Edgeley Woodman, and a nephew of this

James Monroe wrote a short history of the business ventures of his father John Edgeley and his Uncle James Monroe.

"In 1864, or thereabouts, he [John Edgeley Woodman] and his brother James M. engaged in the market business, in what was known as the 'Old North Market' which occupied space where the Cook County Criminal Court building and County Jail now stand. Whether this venture was abandoned in the year or two following, I do not know, but about the year 1865 found these two brothers engaged in the drug business, owning and operating such in a little building on Dearborn Street on the site now occupied by the splendid building housing the Hamilton Club.

"Then in 1866," continued the younger James Monroe, "John E. and James M. again engaged in the commission business on Kinzie Street and later moved to the great busy place known as South Water Street where they continued for sometime. James M. died about 1869."(2)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote of an unnamed newspaper clipping of 18 August 1868: "Jas. M. Woodman, a favorably, highly respected and well-known business man of Chicago, died on his way home from Boston, near Miles, Mich., Friday morning."

"Didn't you know Maria, James [Monroe] W.'s wife?" wrote Freeman Woodman. "She was a jewell [sic]. So was he and he died in his berth on the train with his wife coming home from New Hampshire. Was near Chicago and home. Had apoplexy."(3) Marie P. died 29 January 1893.

*James Monroe's children:*

**8-54** i William Brewster[8], b. 15 Sep 1856.
**8-55** ii James Edwin[8], b. 15 Jul 1859.
**8-56** iii Charles M.[8], b. 8 Jan 1869.

Notes:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398; New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Letter from James Monroe Woodman, Waukegan, IL, in 1921.
3. Letter from Freeman Woodman, Toppenish, WA, 19 May 1921.

## John Edgeley[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-37.** John Edgeley was born 10 November 1823 in Barrington, New Hampshire. It was told in the family that he had been named for an old neighbor. Before pushing on to the West, John E. had been a baker with his brother, True William, in Somersworth, New Hampshire. In 1921, John E.'s son James Monroe[8] wrote lovingly of his father:

> In writing this little sketch of my father, John Edgeley, I am basing same upon information gained from those who knew him during the years he lived in Chicago, Illinois, coupled with my dim recollection of him. I was only ten years old when he died, consequently only a few of his characteristics and general appearance remain with me.
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> Just when my father came from the old New Hampshire home and took up his residence in Chicago, I am unable to learn, and the earliest date which I can ascertain, finds him in a little bakery business, on Illinois Street, in partnership with his brother Charles L. in the year 1862.
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> In 1864, or thereabouts, he severed his connection with Charles L. and with his brother James M. engaged in the market business, in what was known as the 'Old North Market' which occupied space where the Cook County Criminal Court building and County Jail now stand. Whether this venture was abandoned in the year or two following, I do not know, but about the year 1865 found these two brothers engaged in the drug business, owning and operating such in a little building on Dearborn Street on the site now occupied by the splendid building housing the Hamilton Club.
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> Then in 1866 John E. and James M. again engaged in the commission business on Kinzie Street and later moved to the great busy place known as South Water Street where they continued for some time, James M. dying about 1869. The big fire of 1871 wiped this

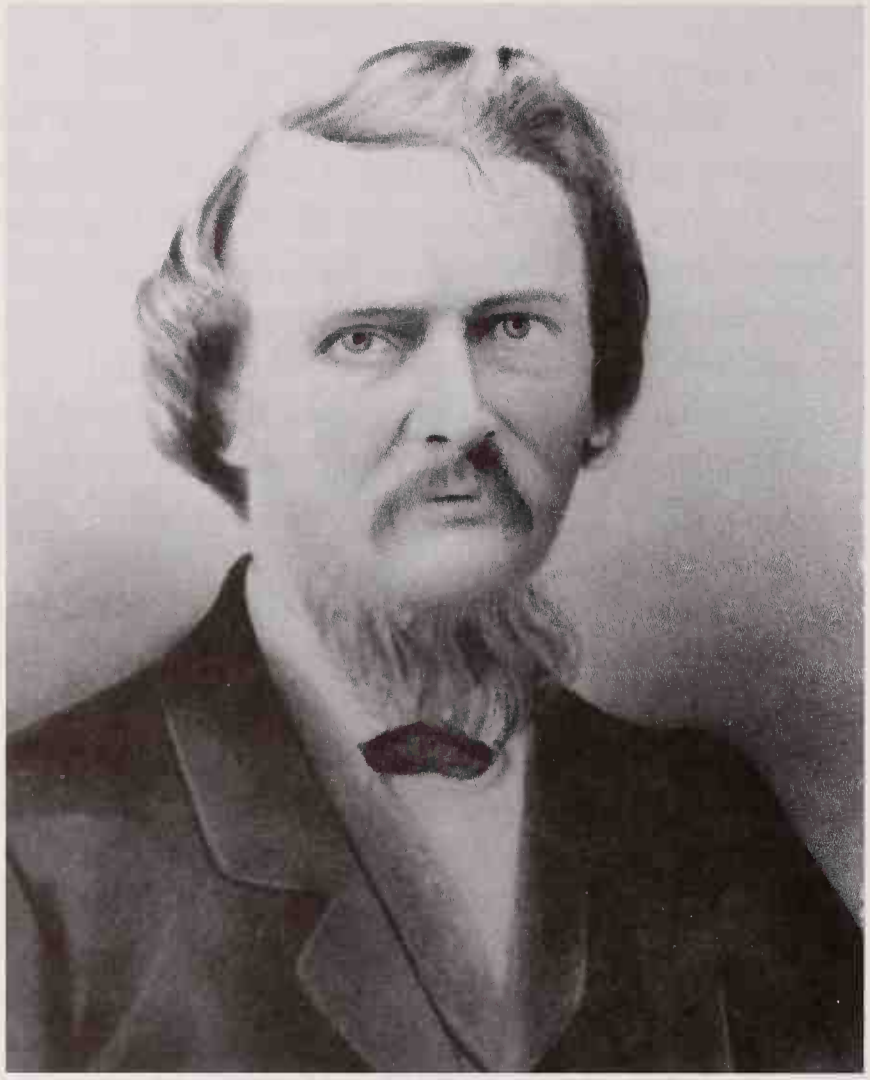
business out and destroyed the home of John E. Woodman which was on North Dearborn Street, just north of Illinois Street.

After the fire, John E. Woodman again started a commission business on West Lake Street and was joined therein by James M. Galloway, his brother-in-law. This was in the spring of 1872. The business continued until 1875 when he sold his interest to James M. Galloway and went to live on the old Galloway farm in the township of Northfield, Cook County, Illinois, for two years and then returned to Chicago and with his brother Charles conducted a restaurant on the north side of Washington Street, between Dearborn and State. It was one of the few and also one of the best places in the city and enjoyed the patronage of many of the city's best and most prominent men.

Childhood remembrances are often far from correct, and so I may be excused on that plea when I recount the personal bearing of my father, if it differs from the opinion of those who knew him. He was not a large man, being about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall,
and weighing about 160 or 170 pounds. He was not married until he had reached the mature age of forty or forty-one, and consequently I never knew him as anything except an old man, and in my mind I can see his spare beard, streaked with gray, and his fine forehead from which rolled a wealth of brown hair tinged with silver. He was quiet and dignified, honest and kind to all who knew him, and the thing that impressed me was that all the colored help around the restaurant, where I often visited when about six or seven years of age, called him 'Uncle John.'

Of his family we knew little, and only once, when I was very young did I see his mother, when we visited the old home nestling in the White Mountains.

My father cared little for the superficial things of life. He liked his home, and was rich in that great attribute, kindness to all with whom he came in contact. He did not amass a fortune, but he left to us a good name, and memories which are invaluable. One of the saddest days of my life was when I returned from school and found my mother sitting beside the deathbed of the man who had toiled for the little home in which I learned to lisp my prayers and A.B.C.'s at his knee.



**John Edgeley Woodman**

John E. was forty-three when he married Eugenia A. Galloway in Chicago 22 April 1866. She was born 14 March 1844 in Northfield Township, Cook County, Illinois, the daughter of Job and Emma (Miller) Galloway.

He died in Chicago 7 June 1881 at the age of fifty-seven, leaving Eugenia A. with six children to raise; the eldest was fourteen, the two youngest were under five. John E. was buried at Graceland Cemetery there in Chicago. John E.'s daughter Isabel M. wrote, "After father's death mother moved up here [Deerfield, Illinois] among her own people and we sort of lost track of the Woodman cousins."(1)

At Waukegan, Illinois, on 8 September 1884 Eugenia A. married Lewis P. Todd and they settled in Deerfield, Illinois. An early settler of his community, Lewis Todd had served three years

as an infantryman in the Civil War. Following his discharge he became a builder and contractor.

Lewis Todd died 26 November 1907 and Eugenia buried him in Deerfield. She and Lewis had one child, a son named Woodman William Todd, who in 1921, was in the automobile business and lived on the homestead in Deerfield.

Eugenia died 28 January 1918. She is buried in Deerfield beside her father and mother.(2)

*John E.'s children:*(3)

**8-57** i Sally Emma[8], b. 14 May 1867.
**8-58** ii Isabel Mary[8], b. 3 Sep 1869.
**8-59** iii James Monroe[8], b. 16 Aug 1870.
**8-60** iv John Edgeley[8], b. 3 Feb 1873.
v Josephine C.[8], b. 19 Oct 1877 in Chicago. In 1921 she was a nurse living in Deerfield, IL. She had never married.(4)
**8-61** vi Evangeline[8], b. 16 Jun 1879.

Notes:
1. An undated (1921) biography from James M. Woodman, Waukegan, IL; a letter from Isabel Kist, Deerfield, IL 26 Aug 1921.
2. Biography from James M. Woodman.
3. Ibid.
4. An undated (1921) biography from Sally Emma Smelzer, 2218 Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL, and a biography from Isabel Kist.

## Hannah Rebecca[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-38.** Hannah Rebecca was born 11 August 1831. She married Isaac George Sherburne 12 December 1848, a farmer in Barrington, New Hampshire. Hannah R. died 5 December 1898; Isaac G. died 3 February 1907.(1)

*Hannah R.'s children (named Sherburne):*

**8-62** i Sarah Ann[8], b. 14 Oct 1862.
**8-63** ii Elizabeth Ida[8], b. 29 Oct 1866.
**8-64** iii Artha Maud[8], b. 6 Jan 1870.
iv Seth Woodman[8], b. 23 Dec 1872. Unmarried.

Note:
1. A letter from Elizabeth Ida Sherburne Snell, Dover, NH, 12 Apr 1921.

## Benjamin Franklin[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-39.** Benjamin Franklin, who most often called himself "Frank," was born 19 December 1833 or 1834, in Barrington, New Hampshire. At the age of sixteen he went to Boston where he spent the next three years in the restaurant business with one of his brothers. In 1852 he went to Chicago where he remained until he was twenty-two, at which time he arrived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In his early days there he became an expert hunter and trapper. He also met and married Rebecca Rudolph there on 19 or 20 May 1861. Rebecca was born 27 November 1841 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter, and one of ten children, of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Rudolph.

The Rudolphs had gone to Toledo, Iowa, in 1855. By 1857 they arrived in Cedar Rapids where the young sixteen-year-old Rebecca would spend her next seventy-one years. Her parents opened the Union House, the principal stagecoach stopover hotel and public house. Samuel Rudolph entered the Civil War. He was inducted 8 July 1862 and was discharged on Christmas Eve of that same year, said to be wounded and broken.

In January of 1871 after the great fire, Benjamin F. and Rebecca went to Chicago where Benjamin went into the baking business. By 1879 they were back in Cedar Rapids where for two years they operated a hotel. At the end of that time Benjamin became a deputy marshall – work that he enjoyed and would spend the remainder of his life doing.

Frank died 29 July 1896. "Mr. Woodman was a most efficient officer," wrote the *Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette,* "always alert for the city's interests and ever faithful in the discharge of his official duties . . . His was a kindly indulgent nature and he was ever ready to do for the good and comfort of others."

Elizabeth Givins Woodman, wife of Charles Leonard Woodman described Benjamin, "He was a fine, jolly fellow, always dancing and singing. He had a light complexion, blue eyes and a fine figure."

Frank, as his town called him, became sick in the summer of 1895. He died of "cerebral apoplexy" and "organic disease of the heart" at his house at 3:00 a.m.

***Benjamin Franklin Woodman***

Rebecca, the widow, lived on for another thirty-two years. She died 30 September 1928; in November she would have been eighty-seven years old. She had outlived all but two of her large brood of brothers and sisters and all but one of her children. She and Frank are buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Cedar Rapids with three of their children.(1)

*Benjamin Franklin's children:*

i A son[8], d. in infancy.

ii Maude[8], was b. a few miles outside Cedar Rapids in Blairstown on 15 Aug 1864. She m. Taylor Carpenter 20 or 21 Oct 1885. Taylor was b. in Cedar Rapids 22 Feb 1859, the son of Gabriel Carpenter. For many years Maude was auditor and head of the women's department at the Security and Savings Bank, later moving to the Cedar Rapids National Bank.

Taylor had begun working as a shipping clerk for hardware dealers Jones & Eaton. Later he was employed by a building materials dealer, William King, and a building contractor named A.H. Connor. But he found his niche in 1903 at the Quaker Oats Company where he worked as a cashier and paymaster until he retired in 1932.

Both Maude and Taylor were heavily involved in the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges. Maude was a past matron of Malta Chapter #415 of the Order of Eastern Star; past high priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem and past grand Adah of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Iowa. Maude also served her church well, being president of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for over thirty-five years. She was active in the Needlework Guild, and had been a president there as well.

Like Maude, Taylor Carpenter was devoted to the Masonic Lodge. He was a past master of

Crescent Lodge, A.F. and A.M., past high priest of Trowel Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, past eminent commander of Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar; past senior grand warden of the grand commandery of Iowa, past patron of Cedar Chapter, O.E.S. and past watchman of the shepherds of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Maude and Taylor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1935 at their home at 508 A. Ave. N.E. and Taylor lived but three years longer, dying 9 Dec 1938. Maude died of a heart attack 13 May 1944. Both are buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. They had no children.(2)

iii Charles L.[8], was b. in Blairstown, IA in 1870.(3) He was educated in the public schools of Cedar Rapids and learned the printer's trade – beginning with the weekly *Saturday Chat*. Later he worked on the local *Evening Gazette* newspaper followed by several years on the *Omaha Bee.*

After Charles L. learned stenography, he worked at the local North Western R.R. for a while and then changed to secretary of the Cedar Rapids Bldg. & Loan Assn.

His big adventure must have been when he entered government service and went to work in the Panama Canal Zone. When the canal was completed (major work was completed in 1914), Charles L. went to Washington, DC, where he worked in the Agriculture Department until his health failed about 1923.

He returned to Cedar Rapids where he died 28 Jul 1927 at his home at 511 A. Avenue.

Sometime along the way, Charles L. had married Alma Ruhl of Anamosa, IA, and she survived him. There is no record they had children.(4)

iv Frank Rudolph[8], was b. in 1875.(5) Like his brother he had worked in Panama on the Canal. He spent seven years there as a foreman during the construction, stationed at the site of the worst slides (probably at the Gaillard Cut). Frank had left the Canal about 1914, spent time with relatives on Long Island, and returned to Cedar Rapids in November of 1915 where he and his wife lived with his sister Maude.

On 29 Jun 1916 the town was shocked at the black one-inch headlines in the *Evening Gazette,* "DEATH OF WOODMAN MYSTERY." Frank R. had failed to return home on the evening of 28 June. All night a group searched for him. He was found shortly after noon on the 29th about fifty feet from his car in a field overlooking the country club's grounds. Frank's body was lying under a tree, his arms neatly folded, his coat covering his chest and a partially-chewed stick of gum in his mouth. The gum wrapper fluttered nearby in the wind.

Murder was suspected and an autopsy revealed a blood clot on Frank's brain; physicians could not tell if the clot was caused by a concussion or a hemorrhage. Minute holes in his forearms were finally decided to be the work of insects instead of bullet holes as was first supposed, and suicide was entertained as a cause.

The following day, 30 June, the *Evening Gazette* announced the time of his burial service. Nothing was noted about the circumstances of his death and I have no ending to the story. "All members of the Masonic Lodge having automobiles are requested to bring them," went the *Gazette's* announcement, "as the funeral procession will be automobile." He is buried with his family in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Frank R. had a wife who survived him, but the twenty-six inches of news column devoted to the circumstances of his death failed to mention her name. She remarried and returned to Cedar Rapids to attend Frank R.'s mother's funeral in 1928. At that time she was called Mrs. J. D. DeMaine of Minneapolis, MN. Frank R. had no children.(6)

Notes:

1. 1880 U.S. Census, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co.; Linn Co. Death Record (Benjamin F.); *Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette,* 29 Jul 1896, 1 Aug 1896, 1 Oct 1928; Linn Co. Marriage Record.
2. *Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette,* 9 and 10 Dec 1938, 14 and 15 May 1944; 1880 U.S. Census, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co.
3. Gravestone, Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, IA.

4. 1880 U.S. Census, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co.; *Cedar Rapids Gazette,* 28 and 29 Jul 1827.
5. Gravestone; 1880 U.S. Census, Cedar Rapids.
6. *Cedar Rapids Gazette,* 29 and 30 Jun 1916, 1 Oct 1928.

## Dexter Eaton[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-40.** Dexter Eaton was born 6 April 1838.(1) It isn't clear when he went to Chicago with his older brothers. He was in Morengo, Iowa, when on 6 August 1862 he enlisted for three years in the Civil War. Dexter joined Company B of the 28th Regiment of Iowa Infantry. He had been paid a $25.00 bounty and a $2.00 premium. He seems to have enlisted as a private and advanced to a second sergeant almost immediately.

At the time Dexter E. joined he was described as 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighed 110 pounds with dark hair and complexion and blue eyes. Dexter's niece Isabel Woodman Kist wrote, "I remember Uncle D. as a small dark man but was only a little girl when he went West."(2)

Shortly after joining his company, the luckless Dexter E. broke his leg on 10 October and was absent until sometime in March of 1863. By then his rank had been reduced to private.

By the time he returned, his company was engaged in an eight-month-long battle at Vicksburg, to wrest control of the Mississippi River from the South. Vicksburg, sitting high on the bluffs above the river, was nearly impregnable.

In 1874 Dexter's commander, Captain J.B. Wilson, testified that shortly after the capture of Vicksburg, Dexter became ill with a distressing cough, some fever and the inevitable camp diarrhea and grew rapidly worse. He wrote that, "During the siege the men were exposed to extraordinary hard duty accompanied by many privations and much exposure without covering to the inclemency of the weather and to the miasma [poisonous vapors rising from the earth; at one time, people believed these vapors caused disease] of southern swamps. Much of the time they were compelled to remain constantly in the mud and water and to sleep in the same. While the command was near New Orleans, Dexter was sent to a brigade hospital near that place and never returned to the company."

Dexter, furloughed 14 September 1863, was admitted to the Marine General Hospital in Chicago 10 December 1863. He was discharged 16 June 1864 with a disability of one-half. The discharging officer wrote that Dexter had chronic bronchitis, emphysema, commencing hypertrophy of the heart, chronic cough and diarrhea.

In 1874 Dexter was working, when able, as a foreman in a packing house in Chicago when he applied for a disability pension. That year he was living at #59, North Clark Street, Room 1 and then at 90 North Dearborn Street. His brothers, John Edgeley and Charles Leonard, testified that Dexter had never been well since his discharge but the Army insisted that he furnish proof from a doctor that this was true. This, Dexter could not do. He had been treated by one, Dr. Ayers, who was "supposed burned up in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871." And the military denied his claim. Dexter reapplied in 1882, and was again denied. The military closed his case in 1888 because he could not be located.(3)

With the exception of Dexter's nieces, Sally Emma Smelzer and Isabel Kist, none of the family remembered him. Sally Emma wrote that Dexter married Julia Patterson (of French extraction) in about 1883. Isabel thought Dexter married twice. "His first wife," Isabel wrote, "did not live long – died when their baby was born (also the babe). Later he married a Julia Patterson – had one child Dexter, Jr. They did not get on and were divorced."

Later Sally Emma Smelzer wrote, "Today I made a trip to question Clinton Lamb, second husband of Julia, wife of Dexter E. Julia . . . of Irish parents instead of French, died 27 September 1903 in Chicago, age fifty-two years." Sally continued about Dexter, (he) "was fond of guns and

hunting dogs. Considered a fine marksman, known by all who knew him as a hunter. Before he married he made his home with John E. Woodman. Had a hunting dog burned in the Chicago fire."

The girls weren't certain when Dexter died, but agreed as to the cause. (He) "went West and was accidentally shot out in Colorado," wrote Sally. Isabel Kist agreed that he died in an accidental shooting. "He went West and was accidently shot by his partner while hunting . . . I think his death occurred in the Black Hills of Dakota."

Sally Emma concluded the argument, (he) "was always a hunter of all sorts of game . . . He was of a roving nature."(4)

*Dexter E.'s child:*

**8-65** i Dexter Eaton, Jr.[8]

Notes:

1. *The History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398.
2. Letter from Isabel Woodman Kist, Deerfield, IL, 26 Aug 1921.
3. Dexter's Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
4. An undated biography by Sally Emma Smelzer and letters, 2218 Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL, 28 Jul and 21 Sep 1921; undated biography and letter from Isabel M. Kist, Deerfield, IL, 26 Aug 1921.

## Jonathan[7] (Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-41.** Jonathan was born 24 (?) May 1797, probably in Lee, New Hampshire. He married Martha Davis of Barrington, New Hampshire, 25 September 1822. She was born 9 April 1799, the daughter of Moses and Nancy (Allen) Davis.(1)

Jonathan's life and marriage seem desolate. He worked as a soapmaker and early in his life he lost his eyesight, probably from the lye and other ingredients used in soapmaking. Martha took the children and left him.

Emma Martha Davis wrote, "The children were very young when grandmother [Martha] left and went to Lowell [MA], then to Lawrence when the [textile] mills was started . . . Grandmother moved there as Emma and Ruhamah [her daughters] was big enough to work . . . Grandmother never talked of him [Jonathan] . . . I remember seeing grandfather only once as he was never at Lawrence, Mass." Emma Martha continued, "He was a big man, I remember, with a cane. He was not stone-blind . . . [but] he could not see to work." Grandson Charles Sargent wrote, "Jonathan became blind and thereafter lived with his people in Newmarket [NH]." And finally his niece, Ella Durgin wrote, "I am quite sure Uncle Jonathan was buried on the Moses Woodman farm in Durham, New Hampshire. As a child, I remember him. I was a little afraid of him. He used to take snuff. As he was growing blind he used to get it [snuff] on his vest. His wife was so proud she did not like to have him around.(2)

The 1850 U.S. Census lists Jonathan, age fifty-three, blind and without an occupation living in Barrington with his mother. It isn't clear when Jonathan died. If he is buried in the Moses Woodman Cemetery, it is in one of the marked but unnamed graves.

Martha lived to be ninety-one; she died 9 July 1890, In Lawrence, Massachusetts.(3)

*Jonathan and Martha's children:*(4)

**8-66** i Emeline C. (Emma C.)[8].

**8-67** ii Ruhamah[8].

**8-68** iii Harriet Cilley[8].

iv Temperance Ann[8], d. in infancy.

v Gardner[8]. Martha E. wrote that he went to CA in 1850 or 1851 to the Gold Rush and died of ship fever at Grass Valley, CA, soon after landing.(5)

Notes:
1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 102; *The New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* Vol. IV, Jan 1907-Oct 1907, p. 183.
2. Letters from Ella Durgin; Lt. Col. Chas. F. Sargent, Bay State Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 23 Aug 1921; Mrs. Martha E. Davis (Mrs. Wm.), 2300 Clinton Park St., San Francisco, CA, 4 Oct 1921.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records up to 1890, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.
4. Letters from Martha E. Davis, 4 Oct 1921 and Lt. Col. Chas. F. Sargent.
5. Letter from Martha E. Davis.

## Elizabeth Dame[7] (Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-42.** Elizabeth Dame was born 7 December 1802 and died about 1879. She married Samuel Langmaid on 9 April 1827. He was born 14 May 1802 and died 4 October 1891.

*Elizabeth's children (named Langmaid):*[(1)]

**8-69** i Freeman R.[8], b. 12 Jun 1825.
**8-70** ii Albert M.[8], b. 1 Aug 1827.
iii Eliza J.[8], b. 8 Nov 1829; m. first George King; m. second husband, Israel Robinson. No children.
**8-71** iv John F.[8], b. 15 Dec 1831.
v Joseph G.[8], b. 25 Mar 1834; m. Lida Leathers. No children.
**8-72** vi Deborah W.[8], b. 7 Dec 1835.
vii Sarah A.[8], b. 3 Jun 1839; m. Weston Palmer; had one child.
**8-73** viii Alonzo E.[8], b. 28 Dec 1841.
**8-74** ix True W.[8], b. 1 Apr 1844.
**8-75** x Charlotte F.[8], b. 8 Jun 1846.
xi Ann J.[8], b. 22 Mar 1848; d. young.

Note:
1. Letters from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921; Mrs. G.S. Woodman, 52 Institution Ave., Newton Center, MA, 14 Apr 1921; undated biography sheet from Alonzo E. Langmaid; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. I, p. 385.

## Sarah A.[7] (Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-43.** Sarah A., born 24 April 1807; died 23 May 1892; was married to Levi Shaw of Gilford, New Hampshire, 25 November 18__ by Reverend Ephraim Winslow.[(1)]

*Sarah's child (named Shaw):*

i Sarah Ellen[8], b. 12 Sep 1832; d. 26 Nov 1898; m. John A. Jewett on 3 Jul 1849. John A. d. 30 Aug 1898. They farmed at Gilmanton, NH. No children.

Note:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.

## Hannah[7] (Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-44.** Hannah, born 1 September 1809, died 12 December 1891; she was married to Walter Durgin 19 May 1830, by Elijah Foster in Dover, New Hampshire. Walter was born 30 January 1801; died 17 September 1881. Ella G. Durgin wrote, "My grandfather, Walter, was a carpenter; you would say 'contractor' now, and was away from home a great deal. But Grandmother Hannah was a very capable woman who managed the farm and raised the five sons.

"My grandmother Hannah must have inherited some of great-grandmother Betsey's grit," Ella G. continued, "for she was a great worker – even after she had overworked. My father used to

scold about it, but she kept right on."

It was Hannah who kept her mother, Betsey, in her last years.(1)

*Hannah's children (named Durgin):*

**8-76** i George E.[8], b. 13 May 1831.
**8-77** ii Charles C.[8], b. 20 Nov 1832.
**8-78** iii John Augustus[8], b. 30 Aug 1835.
iv Henry S.[8], b. 10 Nov 1839; d. 14 Aug 1863, in the Civil War.
**8-79** v Walter F.[8], b. 8 Aug 1850.

Note:

1. Letters from Ella Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH, 11 Apr, June, 20 Sep 1921; *Dover Gazette,* 25 May 1830; *Vital Records of Dover, NH 1686-1850,* Heritage Books 1977, p. 94.

## Joseph[7] (Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-45.** Joseph was born 13 March 1814 in Lee, New Hampshire. There were two Joseph Woodmans living in Somersworth, New Hampshire. This Joseph was often called "Tailor Joe" to distinguish him from his cousin Joseph[7] (Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1]) who was called "Carpenter Joe."(1)

On 19 May 1839, at Somersworth, New Hampshire, Joseph married Sarah LeGros who was born 9 May 1815 at Lebanon, Maine, the daughter of Isaiah and Eunice (Burroughs) LeGros.(2)

Joseph's son, Francis Joseph, wrote that his father was a tailor and furrier at Dover, New Hampshire, and that Joseph had also lived in Barrington and Somersworth back in New Hampshire and also in Portland, Maine. Joseph was a small man. Francis J. described him as 5 feet 7 inches, weighing 135 pounds. His father, he said, was a Christian and a Democrat.

Sarah had died 19 December 1880 in Somersworth; Joseph died 6 October 1889. "Uncle Joe, as I always called him," wrote John B.G. Dame of Durham, New Hampshire, "stayed here with me off and on the last three or four years and he was sick and died here with me."(3) Records say Joseph died of catarrhal fever.

Joseph left no will and the court appointed his son Charles Carroll as administrator of his father's estate.(4) An inventory of the estate revealed $76.30 cash, $258.59 in the Epping Savings Bank, a $106.00 note owed him, and two silver watches worth $7.00. In August of 1898 Francis Joseph appeared before the Probate Court of Strafford County. His brother Charles C., he said, had died in October 1890 without completing the task of settling their father's estate. The court asked Francis J. to finish the matter. By 1890 Joseph's estate was worth $93.00.

*Joseph's children:*(5)

i George Henry[8], b. 1 Dec 1840. George was living in 1890 when his brother, Francis Joseph, applied for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, but Ella Durgin wrote, "George is supposed to be lost at sea as he went away and was not heard from."
ii Charles Edwin[8], b. 7 Dec 1842; d. 14 Dec 1843.
**8-80** iii Charles Carroll[8], b. 28 May 1845.
iv James Albert[8], b. 21 Oct 1846; he was killed 4 Jul 1857. Someone wrote that he was killed by a cow.
**8-81** v Francis Joseph[8], b. 7 Aug 1851.

Notes:

1. Notes from Susan Woodman, 102 Locust St., Dover, NH and Mrs. George A. Woodman, 52 Institution Ave, Newton Center, MA, 14 Apr 1921; 1850 U.S. Census, Somersworth, NH.

2. Biography sheet from Francis Joseph Woodman, 634 A. St. N.E., 30 Sep 1909.
3. Letters from John B.G. Dame, RFD #1, Durham, NH, 24 Mar and 25 Apr 1921.
4. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dover, NH, Docket #6977.
5. Cemetery stones, Somersworth, NH; letter from Joseph Francis Woodman, letters and biography sheet from Ella G. Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH; 1850 U.S. Census.

## Elizabeth Hill Emery[7] (Hannah Woodman Emery[6], Benjamin[5], Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-46.** Elizabeth Hill Emery was born 13 January 1796. She married Joshua Merrick of New Hampton, New Hampshire, on 7 October 1823. She died 3 May 1837.(1)

*Elizabeth's child (named Merrick):*

i Joshua[8], m. Abigail Morrison. In 1872 he lived in Gold Hill, NV.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

## Andrew[7] (Benjamin[6-5], Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-47.** Andrew was born 4 July 1808 or 1809. He had married Jane S. Bradbury of Buxton, Maine, by 6 February 1841 because she signed the deed when Andrew sold his brothers Luther C., George and Charles ninety-five acres in Hancock Co., Maine, the proceeds of which they were to use to support "Andrew's parents, Benjamin and Mary, during their natural life."(1)

Jane was born about 1814;(2) she died 20 March 1856; by 1859 Andrew had married Jane's younger sister Ardelia (Delia) who was living in Andrew and Jane's house in 1850 giving her age as twenty-three.(3)

Andrew and his brother Charles were the principal merchants in Burlington, Maine, until Charles moved to Bangor, Maine, in 1867.(4) Andrew bought and sold many pieces of land around Burlington; old land deeds called him a "trader."

Andrew died 25 November 1879; Ardelia died 1 April 1880 (her gravestone has her age at sixty-four). Andrew is buried at Mount Repose Cemetery in Burlington with his wives, his sister, Mary, and two sons.(5)

*Andrew and Jane's children – all born in Burlington, I think:*(6)

i George Henry[8], was b. in 1842. He d. 21 Nov 1922 in Bangor, ME.(7) He is buried in Mt. Repose with his family. He probably never married.

ii Mary F.[8], b. about 1844. She was listed in the 1850 and 1860 Census, but she is not listed in the land deeds as an heir of Andrew. She is not listed as buried in Mt. Repose with her family.

iii Silas E.[8], born about 1849. On 16 Jun 1879 Silas E. mortgaged to his Uncle Charles "the homestead farm and lands formerly owned by Andrew of Burlington and by him conveyed to me 1 November 1876 . . . and land in Prentiss . . . ." In September 1881 Silas, his brother George Henry, and their half-sister Jennie E., called "heirs of Andrew" sold seventy acres in Prentiss. Silas died 10 Sep 1883. Buried with the family, there is no record he married.(8)

*Andrew and Ardelia's child:*

iv Jennie E.[8], b. about 1859. On 13 Oct 1883 she and her half-brother, George Henry, "as heirs of Andrew," sold their interest in all the rest of the land Andrew owned. She m. John L. Behm of 199 Williams St., New York City. It was said she also lived in New Jersey.(9)

Notes:
1. Penobscot Co., ME, Reg. of Deeds, Bangor, ME, 123:387.
2. 1850 U.S. Census, Burlington, ME.; her gravestone at Mount Repose, Burlington.
3. 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census, Burlington, ME.

4. *History of Penobscot County,* William Chase & Co., 1882, p. 797.
5. Gravestones; Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Records, Surname Index Project, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME.
6. 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census; Penobscot Co. Reg. of Deeds, 501:300, 525:157, 543:317.
7. Maine Vital Records, Maine State Archives.
8. Penobscot Co. Reg. of Deeds, 501:300, 525:157.
9. Ibid., Deed 543:317; letter from Emma Gould, 95 Emery St., Portland, ME, 5 Sep 1921.

### William[7] (Benjamin[6-5], Jonathan[4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-48.** William was born 30 November 1812; married Mary Jane Steele Boardman of Bangor, Maine. She is said to have been born in New Hampshire.(1) On 1 May 1837 William and Mary Jane S. Woodman, wife of William, Samuel & Martha M. Smith, John and Martha M. Boardman sold sixty acres of land in Durham, New Hampshire, known as the Evans Place, but it is not clear how they are connected.(2) William is said to have resided in New York City for many years.(3)

*William's children:*

i Martha S.[8] (perhaps called Mattie), born 1842 in Bangor, ME. She married William Streeter Richardson 12 Feb 1890; at the time of her marriage she was from Fryeburg, ME. Martha died 15 Nov 1902 and is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA. She had no children. William S. Richardson[7] (Wm. Larkin[6], Bill[5], Parker[4], Caleb[3], Sgt. Joseph[2], William[1]), was born 12 Feb 1852 at 60 Allen St., Boston; died 6 Oct 1923 in the part of Canton, MA, called Ponkapog.(4)

ii Mary Elizabeth[8] (perhaps called Lillian), m. Thomas Bailey Aldrich. Susan Woodman wrote, "T. B. Aldrich lived in Portsmouth, NH, and is the author of *Story of a Bad Boy.*"(5)

Notes:

1. Notes from Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Letter from Emma Gould, 95 Emery St., Portland, ME, 5 Sep 1921.
2. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 173:487.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
4. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 78, p. 8; Massachusetts Vital Records, 530:31.
5. Ibid.; notes from Susan Woodman.

### Daniel[7] (Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-49.** Daniel was born about 1791.(1) He married Eunice Crockett who was born about 1789 in Laconia, New Hampshire.(2) A blacksmith, land deeds as early as 1817 show Daniel in Boscawen, New Hampshire, but he probably spent most of his life in Meredith, New Hampshire; and later deeds call him a "machinist."(3)

In 1830, on 22 April, Daniel sold a life-lease in two tracts of land in Meredith to his mother and father for $400.00. They were to live there the remainder of their lives for an annual rent payment of one barley corn.(4)

When his father died in 1849, Daniel inherited all of Andrew's personal property in Meredith.(5) Daniel died in Laconia, New Hampshire, 16 May 1857. Eunice buried him in the Old Smith Yard (now called Apeechee) in Meredith with two of their children who had died young. Declining the administration of Daniel's final affairs, Eunice asked the court to appoint their son Daniel C.

An inventory of Daniel's estate:(6)

| | | |
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| one horse | one brockle[?] faced cow | one red cow |
| one two-year old heifer | one pair year old steers | three calves |
| four corsset sheep & two lambs | one shoat | twelve hens |
| one blacksmith bellows | one anvil | two sledge hammers |
| lot of blacksmiths tools | lot of mechanics tools | three saws |
| one broad ax and adz | six augers | two shaves & iron square |
| two blacksmiths vises | lot of old iron | three scythe snaths |

three scythes
one ox cart and wheels
one stone dray
two flails
lot of yokes & fixtures
lot of ox chains
one gig [sic] waggon
two old harnesses
90 sap buckets
one three & half foot table
three feather beds & bedding
one desk
three grindstones & fixtures
one iron toothed harrow
one hay cutter
one wheelbarrow
manure fork & hoe
one woodsaw
one clevis & pin
3/4 thousand hemlock shingles
one cook stove & fixtures
two common tables & stand
three bedsteads & cords
one chest of drawer
surveyors instruments
one plough
one horse stake cart
four hay forks
one cultivator
two iron bars
butte & wedges
one old sleigh
lot of lumber
one air light stove
three looking glasses
one wood clock
thirteen common chairs

I have no record of Eunice's death.

*Daniel's children:*(7)

i Elbridge Gerry[8], was b. 12 May 1814 in Laconia, NH (his gravestone has it 22 May).(8) President James Monroe's Vice President, Elbridge Gerry, died that year, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and former Governor of Massachusetts; Daniel and Eunice named their new son Elbridge Gerry Woodman.

Elbridge G. m. Mary A. Blanchard 18 Aug 1839 (or 3 Sep), probably in Lowell, MA.(9) Mary A. was b. 15 Jun 1817 in Milford, NH, the daughter of Luther and Mary (Kinson) Blanchard.(10) Elbridge G., called a machinist, and Mary A. were in Lowell when he bought land in Meredith, NH from his parents, Daniel and Eunice.(11)

Elbridge and Mary moved to Wilton, NH, by 1844 where he worked as superintendent of the Wilton Mfg. Co., until the factory burned in 1872. He was a trustee of the Wilton Savings Bank, a respected man of the town.(12)

Elbridge G. and Mary had no children. When he made his will in 1897, he remembered almost everybody.(13)

Know all men by these Presents that I, Elbridge G. Woodman of Wilton in the county of Hillsborough, and state of New Hampshire, make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First. I appoint Mary A. Woodman and Daniel C. Woodman my executors, and order my debts paid soon as practicable after my decease.

Second. I give, bequeath, and devise to my beloved wife Mary A. Woodman, one half of all my property which I have at my decease. I have already given her six thousand dollars as an advancement, and in ascertaining the amount of one half of my property it will be necessary to add six thousand dollars to the amount of property I leave, and one half of the full sum thus ascertained, less six thousand which she has received, will be the amount my wife is to have in addition thereof.

Third. I give and bequeath the following sums of money to the following named persons, to be paid to them within one year from my decease, the same to be held by them and their heirs forever:

To my sister Harriet N. Merrill one thousand dollars.

To my brother Asa D. Woodman one thousand dollars.

To my nephew Daniel C. Woodman one thousand dollars.

To my nephew Elbridge G. Woodman one thousand dollars.

To my niece Harriett N. Wilbur five hundred dollars.

To the five daughters of my nephew Charles Woodman one hundred dollars each.

To Horatio L. Woodman, Fred Woodman, Emma Woodman, children of my nephew Dunbar Woodman, one hundred dollars each.

To the daughter of my nephew Daniel C. Woodman one hundred dollars.

Fourth. After paying the foregoing legacies I direct and order that my said wife Mary A. Woodman shall have the income of all my property that is left, the use of the house in which we now live in said Wilton, with all it contains, during her life, together with the income of the cottage house, standing near, by keeping both insured and in good repair.

Fifth. Upon the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath the following sums to the persons named, to them and their heirs and assigns, to wit.

To the wife of my brother Asa five hundred dollars.

To Betsy L. Woodman, wife of my deceased brother Daniel C. Woodman, five hundred dollars.

To the wife of my nephew Elbridge G. Woodman, five hundred dollars.

To the wife of my nephew Daniel C. Woodman, five hundred dollars.

To my niece Harriett N. Wilbur five hundred dollars.

To my nephews Charles and George Woodman five hundred dollars each.

Sixth. All the rest and residue of my property, which remains after deducting my wife's half as set forth in article second of this will, which will go to her if living, and to her heirs or legatees, if she is not then living, I give, bequeath and devise to Asa D. Woodman, Harriett N. Merrill, and to my nephews Daniel C. and Elbridge G. Woodman, to be equally divided among them.

Elbridge G. d. 15 (or 18) Feb 1899 in Wilton, NH. Mary A. d. 27 Apr 1904 in Wilton. When she made her will in July of 1900, she left money to the town to care for their graves, to the Unitarian Church, the New Hampshire State Soldiers Home and $100.00 each to three ministers. The remainder of her estate went to her own kin, the Blanchards.(14) Both are buried in Wilton in the Laurel Hill Cemetery.(15)

ii Mehitable S.[8], b. about 1816; d. 16 Apr 1836, age twenty years. She is buried in the Old Smith Yard (now called Apeechee) in Meredith, NH.(16)

**8-82** iii Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], b. 9 Nov 1818.

iv Mary C.[8], was b. about 1822. She was twenty-eight years old when she was listed in the Daniel and Eunice household in Meredith in 1850. Mary Woodman Pearson listed her as one of Daniel's children as did George H. Woodman, who wrote in 1921, "Father's sisters Harriett and Mary are dead . . . Aunt Mary had no children." George H. wrote as though Mary had married. There is a vital record for a Mary C. of Meredith who married Francis H. Cram of Meredith. They had a daughter Elena B. Cram who married Orville P. Smith at Centre Harbor, NH in 1900, but there is no evidence this Mary C. was Daniel's daughter. Mary C. must have died before her brother Elbridge G. made his will in 1897. Since Elbridge was childless, he seems to have mentioned all of his surviving relatives.(17)

v George P.[8], b. about 1826; d. 8 Mar 1842, age sixteen. He is buried in The Old Smith Yard (now called Apeechee) Meredith, NH.(18)

**8-83** vi Daniel C.[8], b. about 1831.

vii Harriet N.[8] In his will of 1897, Elbridge G., gave "my sister Harriet N. Merrill $1000.00." In the Bride's Index of New Hampshire Vital Records is "Harriet N. b. in Laconia m. Elika [sic] C. Merrill in Andover in 1830. He was b. in Dunbarton, the son of Walter J. Merrill. Harriet N. may have had a daughter Harriet N. because in his will, Harriet's brother, Elbridge G., also gave "to my niece Harriet N. Wilbur $500.00." In 1921 George H. Woodman wrote, "Aunt Harriet had a daughter, but she is dead.(19)

Notes:

1. 1850 U.S. Census of Meredith, NH; Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Daniel's gravestone in Old Smith Yard now called Apeechee in Meredith.
2. 1850 U.S. Census; New Hampshire Death Record of son Elbridge G.
3. Hillsborough Co. Reg. of Deeds, Nashua, NH, 122:158, 123:135.
4. Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 144:301. That Deed is 12:637 in Belknap Co., NH.
5. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Docket #626.
6. Cemetery Records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #1257.
7. 1850 U.S. Census, Meredith, NH; undated biography from Mary Jane Woodman Pearson, Fairfield, ME, 1921; a

letter from George H. Woodman, Wilmington, MA, 6 Oct 1926; will of Elbridge G. Woodman, Hillsborough Co., Probate Records, Nashua, NH, Docket #18034; Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

8. Abiel Abbott Livermore, *History of the Town of Wilton, Hillsborough Co., NH,* 1888, p. 526.
9. International Genealogical Index, L.D.S.; Lowell, MA Town Records.
10. *History of Wilton*; Mary's death record, New Hampshire Vital Records.
11. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, 181:568, 187:567, 187:564, 187:573. These same Deeds in Belknap Co., NH are : 18:334, 18:329, 18:329.
12. *History of Wilton,* p. 526.
13. Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #18034.
14. New Hampshire Vital Records; Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH. Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #21544 and #18034; *History of Town of Wilton,* p. 526; letter from Mary Pearson; letter from George H. Woodman.
15. Cemetery Records from New Hampshire Historical Society.
16. Ibid.
17. Letters from George H. Woodman and Mary Jane Pearson; Hillsborough Co. Probate Records, Docket #18034; 1850 U.S. Census.
18. Cemetery Records from New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
19. Letter from George H. Woodman, Wilmington, MA, 6 Oct 1921; Hillsborough Co. Probate Records, Docket #18034; Letter from Mary Jane Woodman Pearson.

## Louisa[7] (Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-50.** Louisa was mentioned in her father's will; he called her Louisa Allen. In the Bride's Index of Vital Records is the following: "Louisa Woodman of Boscawen, New Hampshire, married John Allen of New York, at Boscawen 8 February 1830." It isn't known if she is the daughter of Andrew. She died before 13 September of 1847, the day her father wrote his will.(1)

*Louisa's child (named Allen):*

i Mary Louisa[8], inherited one dollar from her grandfather, Andrew[6], to be paid in one year after his death.

Note:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* pp. 861-2; Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #626.

## Andrew[7] (Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-51.** Andrew was born 18 May 1799 in Gilford, New Hampshire. He married Hannah P. Bacon at Andover, New Hampshire, 2 February 1823. Hannah P., of Boscawen, New Hampshire, was born there 6 June 1807, the daughter of John Bacon.(1)

Andrew and Hannah had a place in Boscawen where he farmed and probably did some carpentry work; an old deed called him a cooper (one who makes barrels or casks). By 1830 Andrew's parents had left Boscawen, selling all the land they owned there except where "Andrew, Jr., lived." On 19 September 1833 Andrew's father sold him the twenty-three acres in Boscawen where young Andrew lived for $1.00. The next year Andrew and Hannah moved to Upper Gilmanton, New Hampshire, said to be one-half mile from the Union Bridge.(2)

When his father died in 1849, Andrew inherited, for life only, his father's real estate in Gilmanton where young Andrew was already living. He was to have the use and income of any personal property his father owned in Gilmanton.(3)

In 1850 Andrew, called a carpenter, and Hannah lived in a household with seven of their children. Hannah, who was forty-three by then (the census gave her age incorrectly as 41), had completed her family; married at sixteen, she gave birth to twelve children in twenty-four years. In 1850 the eldest child living at home was twenty-four, the youngest two years old. By that time, two

of her children were dead, and the eldest son was to die later that same year.(4)

In November of 1868, with Andrew in his sixty-ninth year, Andrew and Hannah's children made plans for their parents' final years. "In consideration of the love and affection we bear to our parents Andrew and Hannah P. Woodman," all the children gave up their right to the property "now occupied by Andrew and Hannah . . . the same bequeathed to us (subject to the life estate of the said Andrew who is now in possession of the same) by the last will and testament of our Grandfather Andrew Woodman late of Meredith, N.H." They gave their rights to their sister Josephine, the youngest, if she and her husband would stay on the premises and care for the parents and ". . . cultivate and improve the Real Estate . . . and furnish them . . . with suitable food, drink, clothing, nursing, medicine . . . and all other things required and necessary for their comfortable support . . . ." The deed is signed by all the living children and their spouses.(5)

Upper Gilmanton, where the old farm was located, was called Belmont after 1869. So it is that both Hannah and Andrew are said to have died in Belmont – Andrew on 9 March 1879 and Hannah thirteen years later on 21 February 1892. They are buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Belmont.(6)

*Andrew's children:*(7)

**8-84** i John Pierce[8], b. 13 Jun 1824 in Boscawen.

**8-85** ii Henrietta Curtis[8], b. 31 Aug 1826.

**8-86** iii Louisa Isabella[8], b. 22 Jul 1828, a twin.

**8-87** iv Lovilla Equilla[8], b. 22 Jul 1828, a twin.

v Francis Adelaide[8], b. 23 May 1830; d. in Manchester, NH, 1 Oct 1845. She is buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Belmont.(8)

vi Cassandra A.[8], b. 4 Oct 1833 in Boscawen. She first m. John W. Bullock of New Bedford, MA, on 14 Nov 1853. John W. d. there and Cassandra m. John Langdon of Hartford, CT. In 1868 when Cassandra signed the deed exchanging the old home place for life-care for their parents, she lived in Worcester, MA. She died 29 Mar 1900 and is buried in the family cemetery in Belmont. She had no children.

**8-88** vii Elizabeth Cordelia[8], b. 5 Mar 1836.

**8-89** viii George Andrew[8], b. 24 or 25 May 1838.

**8-90** ix Ebenezer French[8], b. 11 Sep 1840.

**8-91** x Mary Jane[8], b. 28 Jun 1843.

xi Orlando Vincent[8], b. 12 Dec 1845; d. 20 Jul 1848. Little Orlando V. is buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Belmont, NH.

**8-92** xii Josephine Izetta[8], b. 18 Apr 1848.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
2. Merrimack Co. Reg. of Deeds, Concord, NH, 34:142, 36:22, 36:23; *History of Sanbornton,* p. 861.
3. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Docket #626.
4. 1850 U.S. Census.
5. Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, 55:230.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records; Cemetery Records found in the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
7. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861; 1850 U.S. Census; Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, 55:230.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records; Cemetery Records.

## Mary Jane[7] (Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-52.** Mary Jane was born in Meredith, New Hampshire, and said to be the youngest child. She married Abel Wright who was born in Westford, Massachusetts. When her father died in 1849, she inherited all of the beds and bedding, the wearing apparel that belonged to her mother and one dollar.(1)

*Mary Jane's children – possibly there were others (named Wright):*

i George[8].
ii Marshall P.[8], he probably m. in Franklin, NH, in 1869.
iii A daughter.

Notes:
1. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #626; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; Brides Index of Vital Records, Concord, NH; a letter from Adelaide F. Bean, 32 Nursery St., Salem, NH, 15 Sep 1921.

## Susan S.[7] (Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-53.** Susan S. married Nathaniel Hart of Meredith, New Hampshire, 3 or (13) June 1819.(1) She inherited $1.00 from her father in 1824 (with what he had already given her); At her mother's death in 1849 Susan was to share her mother's household furniture with her sister Eliza Jane Emerson.

*Susan's children (named Hart):*(2)

**8-93** i Joshua Woodman[8].
**8-94** ii John Simpson[8], b. 13 Mar 1823.

Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, granddaughter of Joshua[6] thought Susan S. had two more children:

iii Frank[8]. Frances Anne wrote, "Frank Hart and wife now living in Chicago, both at an advanced, 80 or thereabouts."
iv Ann[8(3)].

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. A letter from John Shelley Hart[10], great-great-grandson of Susan[7], Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921. John Shelley wrote, "The bulk of the above information was taken from pp. 335-336 of *Genealogy of Samuel Hartt [sic] of Lynn, MA 1640-1903 and Eight Others and Their Descendants,* by James M. Hart, 1903."
3. Newspaper clipping; biography sheet and letter from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA, 15 Aug 1921.

## Daniel Smith[7] (Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-54.** Daniel Smith was born 17 October 1802 in New Hampton, New Hampshire.(1) When his father died in 1824 he inherited two small pieces of land in New Hampton, which together could have amounted to no more than twenty-four acres; his mother left him her best bed when she passed on in 1849.(2)

Before February of 1852 Daniel married the much-younger Lizzie D. who was born 12 May 1822 in West Gardiner, Maine. She was the daughter of Moses and Betsey (Douglass) Woodbury, who were both born in West Gardiner.(3) Daniel S.'s niece, Frances Anne Leavenworth wrote, " . . . Uncle D. was a practicing physician in Lichfield and Thomsonville [I found the towns 'Litchfield' and 'Thomaston.'] . . . Uncle Daniel S. kept a drugstore in Springfield, MA for several years, moving afterward to East Boston and continuing the same business there."

Daniel S. died of a diseased heart at 63 Princeton, Boston, Massachusetts, on 21 June 1876. At the time of her death, Lizzie was living at 28 Cross Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, with Daniel's nephew, Charles Henry Woodman. Lizzie died 26 June 1911; she had been a widow for thirty-five years; fifty-five years had passed since she buried her only child up in Maine. All three are buried in Sampson Cemetery in West Gardiner, Maine.

*Daniel S.'s child:*

i Frank Dana[8], b. 15 Feb 1852; d. 20 May 1856. Frances Anne wrote, "Uncle Daniel

had only one child. This little fellow was said to be quite a phenomenon – wise beyond his years. He died at the tender age of four, but at the time he was marvelously familiar with the names of many of his father's medicines . . . On one occasion a neighbor called during the Dr.'s absence from home to inquire what to do for a sick horse. [The underlining is her's.] Little Frank rose equal to the occasion saying, 'I can tell you what to do for your sick horse, Mr. _____ give him _____.' – (telling the remedy), 'for that's what my papa gives our horse . . . .' Strange to say, little Frank was right. The man went home, followed the prescription and saved his horse. "Oh," Frances Anne continued, "another great hope was extinguished when little F[rank] died!"

Notes:
1. Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Records, Surname Index Project, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME.
2. Strafford Co. Probate Records 32:150; Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #610.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Massachusetts Vital Records, Department of Public Health, Boston 1876, Vol. 285, p. 18; biography sheet from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth and postcard 24 Aug 1921, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA. She was a granddaughter of Joshua[6].

## Joshua Langdon[7] (Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-55.** Joshua Langdon was born 6 April 1804 in New Hampton, New Hampshire.(1) His father died in 1824, leaving him, at the early age of twenty, with half of the homestead farm which totaled about one hundred acres. By 1829 (and perhaps earlier), Joshua was a member of the 5th Company 29th Regiment of the New Hampshire State Militia.

Following the Revolutionary War, the people of New Hampshire were concerned about Indian raids and the continuing trouble with England. In 1792 the State Militia was formed, which required the services of all able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty. They were to drill two days annually. Muster day, as drill day was called, was welcomed by the community. Everybody went; entire families attended. It was an opportunity to see and visit with their friends and neighbors. It was a chance to be in town. Hucksters and peddlers showed their wares; it was like a little fair.

Joshua L. progressed rapidly through the ranks and by 25 June 1833 he was made Lieutenant Colonel in the 29th Regiment of Field and Staff Officers.(2)

On 31 May 1828 Joshua L. bought ninety acres in New Hampton and eleven acres in Meredith, New Hampshire from his brother, Dana, the latter being land "my late father Joshua, decd." owned. In 1829 and 1830 Joshua L. bought more land in Meredith, but there is no record he ever lived there. In April of 1830 Joshua L. mortgaged one hundred acres which "is part of the homestead farm of my late father Joshua Woodman, deceased . . . and is all the land I own which was of the estate of my deceased Father excepting the burying lot on the same premises."(3) (One of the boundary lines of the old farm was the farm of Thomas Woodman. That family's lineage is Thomas[6-5], Hilton[4], Jonathan[3-2], Edward[1].)

On 8 of December 1833 Joshua L. married Sarah B. Ward, who was born 19 August 1811, the daughter of Noah and Nancy (Sanborn) Ward. Joshua must have lived in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, for a few years around the time of his marriage for there is a town record that he served as a selectman there from 1832-36.(4) Joshua L. was active in New Hampton affairs, and never more so than 1852 when he, with seven other men, led the community in an effort to prevent the Baptist State Convention from removing New Hampton's two Literary Societies to another state.(5)

In 1861, in response to the urgent need for enlistments for the Civil War, the town of New Hampton voted to pay a ten dollar bounty to each new recruit. Later the legality of passing such a law was questioned, and Joshua and a small number of his townsmen pledged to pay the bounty if

the town was unable to do so.

Sometime following the Civil War Joshua is said to have gone to Racine, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in business (I presume the manufacturing of woolen shawls) with his brothers-in-law Nathaniel Hart and Thomas Emerson. He may also have been a merchant in Manchester, New Hampshire. However, he is listed in the U.S. Census of New Hampton in 1840, 1850 (as a storekeeper) and in 1860 (as a farmer). (The death record of Joshua L.'s son Charles Henry gave Joshua's occupation as a lumber dealer.)

Joshua L. was described by his niece, Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, as being 6 feet tall, having a dark complexion and weighing 200 pounds. She said he was a Baptist, a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Although he died in Nashua, New Hampshire, 14 April 1874, his estate was not settled until Sarah B. died 18 February 1887. On 18 July 1888 his children, Charles Henry and Martha Mariah, appeared before the Probate Court of Hillsborough County. Joshua L.'s other children were dead, they said, and so was their mother. They wished the court to appoint Charles H. administrator of their father's last affairs.

Sarah B. had appointed her daughter Martha Mariah as executrix and left everything to her, "but if she (Martha) shall decease before my own decease then I give bequeath and devise the same to my son Charles H. of same Nashua to his heirs and assigns, forever not forgetting my son Aaron W. or his children or Willie G. Woodman my grandson all of same Nashua."

By the time Sarah died her son Aaron Ward had been dead for four years, her son William E. dead for ten. The will spoke of her grandson "Willie G.," but the only record I have of a grandson named William is "William E."(7)

***Martha Mariah Woodman***

*Joshua L.'s children:*(8)

**8-95** i Aaron Ward[8], b. 1 May 1834.

ii Martha Mariah[8], b. 23 Dec 1839 was educated in New Hampton and New London, NH. Frances Anne wrote, "she taught school in early life and was organist in the Baptist Church at New Hampton. She was a business woman of fine ability during her . . . thirty-one years in the Nashua Savings Bank. Also the insurance business . . . She lived in Manchester, NH, about four years, forty-five years in Nashua."

Frances A. said Martha was 5 feet 6 inches, weighed about 170 pounds and had a dark complexion – that she was a Baptist.

Martha d. at 28 Cross St. in Nashua 15 May 1920. She never married.

In her will Martha left $100.00 to the trustees of the Edgewood Cemetery in Nashua, which income was to be used for perpetual care of her grave, $500.00 to her nephew Charles Dana and the rest to her brother Charles H. If her brother Charles died before her, Martha wanted her estate

divided between Charles Dana and her niece Hattie L.; Charles was executor of the estate.

Martha owned a "double house" at 26 and 28 Cross St. in Nashua, valued at $4300.00. The remainder of her estate consisted of cash and shares of stock in the Pullman Co., the Peterborough R.R. and the Pennichuck Water Works, making her total worth about $8400.00.

Charles died before completing his duties with Martha's estate, and his wife Alice L. was appointed administratrix de bonis non to settle Martha's affairs.(9)

**8-96** iii William E.[8], b. 14 Feb 1844.

**8-97** iv Charles Henry[8], b. 28 Feb 1846.

Notes:

1. Notes from the Josiah Batchilder Bible found in Cemetery Records (town of Laconia, NH) at the Historical Society, Concord, NH.
2. New Hampshire State Militia Records (I think from New Hampshire Historical Society); *A Small Gore of Land, A History of New Hampton, NH, founded in 1777,* Revised and edited by Peter Lauzier, New Hampton Bicentennial Committee 1976-1977, p. 102.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 144:152, 139:344, 145:116, 149:134. These same Deeds are listed in Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds as 12:284, 621; 13:14, 249.
4. Biography form from Frances Anne Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA, a granddaughter of Joshua[6]; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 404.
5. *A Small Gore of land,* pp. 132-133.
6. Ibid., p. 104.
7. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Nashua, NH, Dockets #11161 and #10444.
8. New Hampton 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census; 3 biography forms, 2 biography sheets, letter dated 15 August 1921 from Frances Anne Leavenworth.
9. New Hampshire Vital Records; Hillsborough County Probate Records, Docket #34937.

## Dana[7] (Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-56.** Dana was born 25 March 1807. His parents named him "Simeon Dana" at birth, but, wrote his daughter Frances Anne, "For reasons of his own he early eliminated the name of Simeon and was known always simply as Dana." Dana inherited half of the homestead farm when his father died in 1824.(1) He was only seventeen at the time and the next three years were difficult for him as he tried to work the farm and go to school.

When on 8 March 1826, Dana joined the State Militia, his talents of leadership began to be apparent. His daughter wrote proudly, "My father was commissioned Captain of the 5th Co. of Infantry in the 29th Reg. of the State Militia . . . on the 5th day of September 1831 (so reads the ancient 'Commission' now open before me) during the governorship of Samuel Dinsmore whose signature adorns the open page."(2)

In 1827 Dana became a student at the New Hampton Literary Institution where he distinguished himself by helping to organize the first literary society; they called it the "Literary Adelphi." Following his graduation he taught there.(3)

On 31 May 1828 Dana sold, for $800.00, ninety acres in New Hampton, and eleven acres in Meredith, New Hampshire, to his brother Joshua Langdon, " . . . and is the same land my late father Joshua Woodman bought . . . ."(4)

Dana and Jane Wilson of New Boston, New Hampshire, were married at Concord, New Hampshire, by Nathaniel Bouton 29 June 1837.(5) Jane was born 21 November 1808 at New Boston, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hadley) Wilson.

Dana's election as selectman in 1841, which office he held for eight years, was but the beginning of a long career of public service to the town, the county and the state. In 1847 and '48 he held the office of County Commissioner; in 1849 and 1850 Dana was a member of the Governor's

Council. He served in the State Legislature in 1853 and 1854.(6)

In 1844 while Dana served as selectman, religious fervor swept the town. A charismatic Baptist minister named William Miller warned the people that Jesus Christ was coming, and that the world would end when he got here. Miller's followers were not confined to New Hampton; they were a large movement of maybe 50,000 people. They were called "Millerites." Being both fearful and excited by the persuasive Wm. Miller, New Hamptonians, most of whom were farmers of modest means, stopped working. Abandoning their fields, the Millerites sat on the roof of their barns day after day waiting for judgment. Finally the disbelieving, wise Dana, knowing they would starve in the coming winter, hired men to harvest the Millerites' crops of corn and potatoes and arranged for the products to be stored in the Millerites' barns.(7)

The most outstanding deed Dana performed for the town was in 1853 when he helped to reestablish their cherished school after the Baptist State Convention Board moved the town's first academy to Vermont.

Dana's daughter Frances Anne wrote, "My father was always deeply interested in educational matters, and when the present New Hampton Literary Institution was reorganized in 1853 and rose 'phoenix-like' from the ashes of the old school . . . he, in company with other prominent citizens, laid anew the foundations of the present prosperous educational institution which is one of New Hampshire's most useful schools in the preparation for college and business life . . . ." For twenty-one years Dana was a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. He is said to have attended the Institution's anniversary meeting every year for sixty-five years.(8)

In the meantime, Dana had moved his family. "Dana," wrote Frances Anne, "lived on the ancestral Woodman Farm, where his children were born until 1854 when he removed to New Hampton Village."

Jane died 12 January 1875. Dana buried her in the old family cemetery and moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he worked with Frances' husband, Professor Leavenworth, at the Worcester Academy " . . . until," wrote Frances Anne, "the summer of 1885 when declining health necessitated a retirement and the remainder of his life was spent in the quiet of our home in Worcester. But to the end of his useful life he maintained an active interest in all affairs of life . . . Beloved and honored by all who knew him, he passed out of life 20 January 1893," Frances Anne concluded.

Frances adored her father. "He was a Free Baptist, a Jackson Democrat but a man of liberal views," she said. She described Dana as 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds. He had a clear brunette complexion, she said, and dark, very expressive eyes and (dark) hair.

He is buried with his family in the New Hampton Village Cemetery.(9)

*Dana's children – all born in New Hampton:*(10)

**8-98** i Sarah Jane[8], b. 26 May 1835.

ii Charles Frederick[8], was b. 16 Dec 1836 and was educated at the New Hampton Literary Institution. He m. Catherine B. Wright 14 Oct 1869 at Boston, MA, by Rev. A. Keown of that city. Catherine was b. 4 Aug 1833 at Pelham, NH (Frances said Windham, NH), the dau. of Asa and Mary Wright.(11)

Frances Anne wrote that during his lifetime Charles lived in Lowell, Boston, Haverhill and Tweksbury (all in MA), and Danville, NH. He owned farms in Tewksbury and Danville, the latter home being destroyed by a disastrous fire. According to Charles' marriage record, he was a "horse car driver."

Catherine d. 19 Jul 1895 in Haverhill and was buried in Lowell. About that same time Charles retired because of ill health and he d. 30 Sep 1900 at his sister Frances' house in Worcester, MA. He is buried in the family graveyard in New Hampton.

Frances described Charles as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 160-170 pounds with a "bru-

nette" complexion. He was a Baptist and a Democrat. "Charles," she added, "was too frail in health to enter the Civil War, but furnished a substitute." (During the Civil War any man drafted for service as a soldier was allowed to hire a substitute to serve in his place if he could afford it, thus enabling the wealthy, or those at least able to scrape up the cost, to avoid the risks of warfare.) Charles had no children.

iii George Dana[8], was b. 22 Mar 1839. He, too, attended the New Hampton Literary Institution. He studied law in the office of Sweatser & Gardner of Lowell, MA, before joining the firm of Swan, Stackpole & Woodman of Lowell & Boston. Frances Anne wrote, "He was a Notary Public for Mass. and N.H. [and] enjoyed an extensive practice in Mass. with brilliant prospects of rapid advancement in his chosen profession."

Frances continued, "He did not enter the Civil War because of many important interests entrusted to him which could not be laid aside. But [he] furnished substitutes in each regular draft for soldiers though not drafted personally." (Allowing individuals to pay for substitutes to serve in the military in their place was a bad piece of business by the government. Thousands of men collected the payment and immediately deserted the ranks. Some of the substitutes collected payment many times from many men who sought to avoid serving. By a rare coincidence, the town of New Hampton, from whence this family originated, prepared an account of their town's participation in the Civil War. "New Hampton," they wrote, "furnished a total of 56 substitutes of whom at least 31 deserted.")

Frances described her brother, George Dana, as 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds, with a brunette complexion. In 1921, fifty-two years after the event, Frances Anne grieved, "A magnificent specimen of manhood – a shining mark for the great Destroyer Death! He died in the family home in the prime of his life, at the age of 30 years 8 months on 20 Nov 1869. Buried in the Dana Woodman family lot at New Hampton.

"He was unmarried," Frances Anne wrote, "but was the affianced husband of Miss Martha Aldrich, but died just prior to the appointed time of the intended marriage. Miss Aldrich, deprived of her life happiness by his early death has led a remarkable and useful life . . . In 1888 she was appointed . . . to open in Tokyo, Japan, a school for the 'Education of the High Caste Japanese Girls.' . . . She afterwards went to Kyoto . . . and opened a second school on the same plan. Her address (in 1921) is Kyoto, Japan. She occupies her own beautiful home amid a garden of lovely flowers and fruits."

iv Frances Anne[8], b. 13 Feb 1844 received her education at the New Hampton Literary Institution. On 28 Jun 1874, at New Hampton, Frances m. Prof. Nathan Leavenworth,(12) the principal of Worcester Academy, Worcester, MA. Nathan was b. at Stepney, CT 20 Jun 1849, the son of Eli and Sarah (Lord) Leavenworth. Frances Anne wrote, "General Leavenworth, for whom Leavenworth, KS, was named was a member of the Leavenworth family and his place in the line of descent is given in the Leavenworth genealogy compiled by Senator Elias [?] Leavenworth . . . the book is with my library in CT – I am unable to state how near the relationship was to my husband."

After but eight years of marriage Nathan d. at the Academy 1 Nov 1882 at the age of thirty-three. Frances buried him in the Rural Cemetery in Worcester, marking the place with a stone with her name added.

Frances continued, "I resided at the Worcester Academy ten years, associated with my husband in the social and academic life of the school, remaining there three years after the decease of Prof. Leavenworth. After leaving the Academy in 1885 I resided with my father in our own home in Worcester. After his decease in January 1893 I . . . assumed charge of the young women in Colby College involving the duties of Dean. After three years in Waterville, ME (home of Colby College) I spent a year in my invalid widower brother's [Chas. Frederick] home in Haverhill. From there we

removed to my home again where he died 30 Sep 1900."

Frances said she was a Baptist, a Republican and a Suffragist. She described herself as 5 feet 7-1/2 inches tall, weighed 135 pounds and had a brunette complexion. "Church work and interest in the YWCA and YMCA Aux. have great attractions for me," she wrote.

In 1921, Frances Anne, now seventy-seven years old, a widow for thirty-nine years – was planning to break up her home. Indeed, she had already shipped some of her belongings. "I proposed soon to move to Bridgeport, CT to be with my husband's relatives," she wrote. Every single member of her family was dead. None had children. She was totally alone. "I grieve to say," she wrote, "I had no children."

It isn't clear whether she made it to Bridgeport. In the old family cemetery in New Hampton there is a stone for her and Nathan, but it is only a memorial stone. They are both buried in Worcester. The stone gives her death date as 21 May 1924.

v Mary Helen[8], b. 17 Nov 1847, went to school at the New Hampton Literary Institution. Frances wrote sadly of her little sister, "The pet of the household and the beloved of her schoolmates died suddenly in the family home 15 Jan 1863,(13) buried in the family lot." Frances Anne had told the story of her family. Her last note:

> Above the graves in that far New Hampton Cemetery,
> Where the ceaseless sighing pines chant ever a solemn requiem,
> might fitly be written the legend – 'Buried Hopes' –
> for the Cup of life so full of promise to the youth who sleep there
> was dashed aside almost before it was tasted.
> Of this branch of the Woodman Family, alas, no scion remains!

Notes:

1. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Vol. 32, p. 150.
2. State Militia Records, New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. Frank H. Kelley, M.D., *Reminiscences of New Hampton, NH,* Printed by Chas. Hamilton, Worcester, MA, MDCCCLXXXIX, p. 59.
4. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 144, p. 152. The same Deed in Belknap Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 12, p. 621.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records; *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* 1910, p. 67.
6. *Reminiscences of New Hampton,* pp. 58-62.
7. Ibid.; *A Small Gore of Land,* A History of New Hampton, NH, revised and edited by Peter Lauzier, New Hampton Bicentennial Comm. 1976-1977, p. 66; Also see "Adventists" in any encyclopedia.
8. *A Small Gore of Land,* pp. 132-133, 140-143, 240; *Reminiscences of New Hampton,* pp. 58-62.
9. Cemetery Records of New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
10. U.S. 1850 Census of New Hampton; Dana's daughter, Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA.
11. State Department of Health, Boston, MA, 1869, Vol. 219, p. 144.
12. New Hampshire Vital Records.
13. Ibid.

## Eliza Jane[7] (Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-57.** On 22 May 1843 Eliza Jane filed intentions to marry Thomas J. Emerson of Patosi, Wyoming Territory.(1) Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth said Thomas J. was an attorney and owner of large linseed oil mills in Racine, Wisconsin.

Of Eliza Jane, Frances Anne Leavenworth wrote, "The youngest, Eliza, was a remarkable woman, highly educated, preceptress of an academy in Maine. [She] taught also in the New Hampton, New Hampshire Female Seminary of which The New Hampton Library Institute is the successor. And [Eliza Jane] was a leader in society and educational circles in the city of her residence – Racine, Wisconsin. She lived to the advanced age of 101. Her family – husband, two sons and one

daughter all dead – no grandchildren." John S. Hart did not mention a daughter as had Frances Anne.

*Eliza Jane's children (named Emerson):*(2)

i Will[8]. In 1921 John S. Hart wrote, "Will died, unmarried, several years ago."

ii Charles[8]. "Charles died later" [than his brother Will], John S. Hart continued. "He married, but had no children. His widow is still living, but I do not know where she resides."

Notes:

1. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; New Hampton, NH Town Records, Vol. 2, p. 204.
2. A letter from John S. Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

## Stephen Mead[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-58.** Stephen Mead was born 25 September 1798 and named after his Aunt Deborah's husband, Stephen Mead. On 22 March 1825 he married Judith Marsh of Campton, New Hampshire.(1) Judith was born about 12 November 1797 in Campton, the daughter of Edmund and Eunice (Cook) Marsh. He is said to have gone to Rumney, New Hampshire, but in 1830 the U.S. Census shows he was in New Hampton, New Hampshire.(2)

Stephen M. died 28 July 1837 at the age of thirty-nine. Judith died in Campton just five years later on 21 July 1842. Sadly, they left two young daughters – Susan, sixteen, and Eunice, fourteen. Stephen M. is buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton with his family, but Judith is in Blair's Yard Cemetery in Campton.(3)

*Stephen Mead's children:*

**8-99** i Susan[8], b. 2 Oct 1826.

**8-100** ii Eunice Marsh[8], b. 5 Oct 1828.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 861-862; New Hampshire Vital Records; International Genealogical Index, LDS records.
2. 1830 U.S. Census.
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862.

## Joshua[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-59.** Named after both his grandfather and great-grandfather, Joshua was born in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, 20 February 1802. On 30 March 1825 he married Almira Johnson of Northwood, New Hampshire, who was born 14 May 1804. The next year, on 15 April 1826, he bought a little over seven acres of land in Strafford, New Hampshire, for $300.00 and spent his life in that town.(1)

Joshua was a "tanner" when he went to Strafford; when the 1850 Census was taken, he was called a shoemaker. Later, it is said, he became a farmer.(2) They were married only six years when Almira died on 3 August 1831. She had two babies; one had died at the age of three. Joshua buried her in the Foss Cemetery at Bow Lake, New Hampshire.(3)

Joshua remarried 22 January 1834. She was Martha Ann Huckins of Strafford who was born 18 November 1812, the daughter of Joseph and his first wife Hannah B. (Waldron) Huckins. Joseph was said to have had such influence in his community that he was called "King" Huckins.(4)

Joshua was elected selectman for the town the year he married and the next year also. By

1838 he was one of the town's representatives to the New Hampshire General Court. In 1840 he served on a committee to find a location to build the town house.(5) He is also said to have been a deputy sheriff of the town.

Joshua, said to have been a Democrat, was described as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds.(6) Joshua died 20 November 1881. Martha A., who was thirteen years younger, lived until 7 March 1895. They are buried in the Foss Cemetery at Bow Lake, New Hampshire.(7) Their wills are in the Strafford County, New Hampshire, Probate Office, Dockets #5604 and #8450, but I have not seen them.

*Joshua and Almira's children:*(8)

**8-101** i Joseph Johnson[8], b. 4 Aug 1826.

ii John[8], b. 27 Jan 1828; d. 10 Oct 1830. He is buried with the family at Bow Lake.

iii John[8], b. 10 Jul 1835. Joshua wanted a son named for his father so he once more named a male child "John." But this baby died 30 Jul (or 5 Aug) 1835.

**8-102** iv Almira J.[8], b. 28 Jul 1837.

v Hannah M.[8], b. 26 Feb 1839; died 26 Apr 1844.

vi Charles A.[8] was born 1 May 1841 in Strafford. At the age of twenty-one he enlisted as a 3 (sic) sergeant in Company F of the 13 Regiment of New Hampshire Infantry. To enlist, Charles A. had received a $25.00 bounty with a $2.00 premium; he was mustered in 19 September 1862. Charles A. was promoted to a 1st sergeant 1 July 1863 and was mustered out at Richmond, VA, 21 June 1865 where he received the rest of his $100.00 bounty.

Charles A. married Emma J. Hiphen of Garrettsville, OH, at Nelson, Cuyahoga County, OH, on 11 March 1869. She was about thirty-four years old at the time. Depositions from Charles A.'s military pension record indicate that Charles A. and Emma J. lived in or around Cleveland, OH, from the time of their marriage until 1880.

Charles A., called a shoemaker, returned to his old hometown of Strafford. He died there 7 June 1884 of apoplexy. They buried him with the family in the Foss Cemetery at Bow Lake, New Hampshire. His gravestone may call him a "Lt." but that is an error.(9)

Emma J. returned to Ohio and by 1888 was applying for a widow's pension based upon Charles A.'s service. She claimed Charles A. had not been well after leaving the service and the couple's friends agreed. One wrote that she met Charles A. in 1869 and knew him until 1880. "When I first became acquainted with him," she wrote, "he was suffering from chills and fevers and that he had frequent attacks of the disease . . . and was often confined to his bed . . . He was always taking medicine and could find no relief."

Charles A.'s brother, Dana Joshua, deposed that Charles A. "was a moderate drinker, but never drank to excess and I don't think the drinking he did ever interfered with his health and certainly didn't shorten his life nor was the liquor he drank sufficient to cause his death or aid in causing it."

Emma J. seemed desperately in need of the pension. One witness testified, "She is <u>not</u> in comfortable circumstances nor hasn't been since her husband's death. She has no property whatever and is entirely dependent upon her own labor for maintenance. She is in poor health and earns probably a dollar and a half per week. She is also dependent upon the charity of her friends to aid her at times."

So Emma J. became eligible for a little pension. At the time of her death on 15 June 1901 she was receiving $8.00 per month. She probably died in Cleveland, OH. They had never had children.(10)

vii Aaron Huckins[8], b. 5 Aug 1843; died 20 Jan 1853.

**8-103** viii Daniel S.[8], b. 11 Dec 1845.

ix Abigail Celia (Abby or Abbie)[8], b. 7 Apr 1848; d. 16 Oct 1854.

**8-104** x Dana Joshua[8], b. 18 May 1851.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, 130:116; U.S. Census Record 1830-1860.
2. Land deed 130:116; *History of Sanbornton.*
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
4. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 76, p. 37; same periodical, Vol. 68, p. 253.
5. *A History of Strafford, NH,* The Town of Strafford, First Edition, 1871, pp. 74, 79, and an unnumbered page.
6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
7. Cemetery records from New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
8. 1850 U.S. Census record; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 68, p. 253.
9. Cemetery records from New Hampshire Historical Society.
10. Charles A.'s Military Records, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 27 Dec 1985 and 16 Jan 1986; *History of Strafford, NH,* p. 92.

## Lois[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-60.** Lois was a twin to her sister Eliza and they were born on Christmas Day (or the day after) 1803. Lois married Enoch Hoitt, a farmer from Gilford, New Hampshire, on 19 May 1825 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire (the Bride's List has it 18 May).(1)

*Lois' children (named Hoitt):*(2)

**8-105** i Amelia Woodman[8], b. 4 Jun 1829.

ii Olive B.[8], b. 4 Feb 1831; m. Charles Collins on 30 Nov 1854. They resided in Gilmanton, NH and Olive's children were twins – one son dying in infancy.

iii John Woodman[8], b. 10 Nov 1832; m. Emeline M. Collins on 29 Oct 1857 and resided in Laconia, NH; had one son.

iv Louisa[8], b. 15 Jul 1834; d. 25 Jun 1855; a twin to Eliza J.

**8-106** v Eliza J.[8], b. 15 Jul 1834.

vi Daniel[8], b. 17 Sep 1836; m. Amanda T. Jewett 1 Mar 1859; lived in Gilford. They had one son who died aged sixteen years.

vii Martha A.[8], b. 6 Dec 1838; d. 7 Nov 1846.

viii Enoch[8], b. 28 Jan 1841; d. 5 Aug 1868 in CA.

ix David Pingree[8], b. 26 Mar 1843; resided in Gilford.

x Ruel[8], b. 25 Jul 1846; d. 28 Mar 1853.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 862-3; Bride's List, New Hampshire Vital Records; a biography of Eliza J. from John W. Eastman, Laconia, NH, 5 Nov 1921.
2. *History of Sanbornton, NH.*

## Eliza[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-61.** Eliza's son wrote that Eliza was born 26 December 1803, a twin to her sister Lois. Eliza married Abel B. Eastman of Meredith, New Hampshire, 8 June 1831. Abel B. was born 24 October 1799, the son of Thomas (who was a son of Edward). They settled on a farm in Meredith and spent their lives there. Abel B. was Meredith's representative to the State Legislature several times. Eliza died on New Year's Eve 1882, following Abel, who had died earlier on 15 October 1882.(1)

*Eliza's children (named Eastman):*

**8-107** i Horace Hook[8], b. 30 Aug 1833.

ii Sarah Woodman[8], born 7 Oct 1835; married Joseph Perley in Aug 1870. He was born 1 Sep 1802 and died 9 Jul 1871 in Gilmanton, NH where he was a mechanic. Sarah W. died 10 Jun 1873. She had no children.

**8-108** iii Jane E.[8], b. 28 June 1840.

iv Martha A.[8], born 26 Jul 1842; she married Horace F. Lane 13 Feb 1879. He, a farmer in Tilton, NH, was born 11 Nov 1849. Martha A. died 2 Jul 1894. They had no children.

**8-109** v John W.[8], b. 1 Apr 1845.

vi Thomas E.[8], born 3 Apr 1847; married Louisa Johnson in Sep 1883. She was born 4 Mar 1845; died 9 Dec 1918. Thomas was a laborer living in Laconia, NH in 1921. He had no children.

**8-110** vii Mary S.[8], b. 18 Nov 1849.

Note:
1. A letter from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921 and a biography 4 Nov 1921.

## Samuel Calef[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-62.** Samuel Calef was born 6 October 1805 probably in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. After serving an apprenticeship in cabinet- and chairmaking at Holderness, New Hampshire, he married Mary B. Kenneson on 27 September 1829.(1) Mary was born 28 April 1803 at Epsom, New Hampshire, the daughter of Daniel Kenneson of New Hampton, New Hampshire.(2) Following their marriage they went to live in New Chester, New Hampshire, on land probably purchased by his father John.(3)

In September of 1837 they moved to Whitehall, New York, where their little two-year-old son Edward P. died the next February.(4) Later that year they pushed on west to a place called Black Swamp in Henry County, Ohio. They are said to have lived there for two years "in a place called Mill Creek, which is now called West Unity." (A modern map shows West Unity is in Williams County, so it is not clear what the family did – perhaps they lived in both places).

Samuel C. left Ohio with ox teams and moved northwest up to Orangeville, Michigan, where he remained the rest of his life.

His son, Charles Frederick, wrote that on the move to Black Swamp Samuel C. had the opportunity to trade his enormous sixty-gallon iron kettle for a splendid silver-mounted rifle. The weight of the kettle was an awful addition to an already heavy load and Samuel's sons wanted the beautiful gun. When Samuel refused the trade, his five sons were furious and did not speak to their father for two days. For the next eighty years Samuel's sons and grandsons borrowed the iron kettle for butchering, and to make soap and apple butter – long after muzzleloading rifles were all but forgotten. None of them knew how they could have managed in that wilderness without the kettle.

Samuel was a good carpenter – a joiner and cabinetmaker – but after he moved West he farmed. He was a great reader and a good scholar, especially in mathematics. He was 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 140 pounds and has been described as a man of much energy with wondrous physical endurance.

Once when one of his small sons dislocated a hip, Samuel carried the boy home, then went on foot through fifteen miles of mud and slush to summon a doctor. Samuel turned back home and arrived there one and one-half hours ahead of the doctor who made the trip on horseback; he had gone the thirty-odd miles in six hours.

Samuel was a staunch Democrat who served as justice of the peace for many years, being known as "Squire Woodman." He, in fact, performed the marriage ceremonies for his sons John and Charles Frederick.(5)

Mary died 16 April 1893 and Samuel C. died six days later on 22 April.

*Samuel C.'s children:*

**8-111** i Charles Frederick[8], b. 3 (or 13) Apr 1830.

**8-112** ii John[8], born 17 Nov 1831.

iii Daniel K.[8] was born at New Chester, NH, 27 Aug 1833. He moved West with his parents at the age of four. Growing up around Prairieville, MI, he very early in life developed a strong personality. His nephew Jay Joshua wrote:

***Samuel Calef Woodman***

> One of his powers was his storage capacity, so to speak; he could sit down at the table and easily eat as much as four or five ordinary men; on the other hand, he could go without eating for two or three days without apparent inconvenience. His other power, mesmerism (hypnotism), was something few people understood in those days. His mesmeric powers were called into use at every social gathering, to the amusement of some and the terror of others. Some have been known to walk a mile out of their way to avoid meeting Dan Woodman on the road; 'I was afraid he would mesmerize me,' they said.
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> Unfortunately, he was for a short time, employed by the notorious Lorenzo Falk. It is a sad fact that Barry County turned out some famous characters, and 'Old Renz Falk' was one of them. Among other things, it was said he (Old Renz) could sell more wheat off ten acres than any other man in Michigan; because he raised it in the night.
>
> Dan was an adventurous man and in the late fifties he went West. For years our family kept a letter from him describing his trip across the plains and how they cooked their meals over a fire of 'buffalo chips.' He closed by saying, 'We are in a little place called Denver in Eastern Colorado. There is about one-hundred people here and about that many more in the mountains around here.
>
> He became associated with Kit Carson, and in 1860 he was a captain of a wagon train from Taos, NM to Santa Fe. One night while placing guards around the camp, he began arguing with a teamster who refused guard duty because he didn't want to be shot by Indians. The teamster 'Drew the Iron' and Captain Woodman kicked the gun from his hand and whipped him unmercifully. The teamster left the train and went off into those vast plains. Two nights after that, Dan Woodman stood guard from midnight to morning. When he failed to appear the next morning, he was found at his post with an arrow through his heart. The teamster rejoined the train at its next camp and said 'he never let anyone get the start of him!'
>
> We learned of these facts over thirty years later when a traveler, an eye-witness, a member of the train, stopped at Walter Meredith's place at Shelbyville, MI. My sister, Matie, worked for Walter Meredith and when he learned her name was Woodman, he told this story.
>
> And there lies the body of Dan Woodman, somewhere beside the Santa Fe Trail, with only a mound of dirt and the end-gate of a wagon bed to mark the spot.(6)

Daniel K. is said to have died 3 June 1861. He is not known to have married or had children.

iv Edward P.[8], was b. 24 Jun 1835. He died in Whitehall, NY, 17 Feb 1838. They buried him in the Williams Street Cemetery there.(7)

**8-113** v Samuel Newell[8], b. 30 Mar 1837.

**8-114** vi Thornton Asbury[8], b. 9 Dec 1840.

vii George M. P.[8], b. 12 Feb 1843; d. 2 May 1843 at Mill Creek, OH (later called West Unity).

**8-115** viii Mary A.[8], b. 12 Jul 1844.

Notes:
All is written from notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. except the following:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. Grafton Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Woodsville, NH, 134:556, 173:551.
4. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 106, p. 110.
5. Military Records of John Woodman and Charles Frederick Woodman, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
6. An undated biography from Jay Joshua Woodman, Napoleon, OH.
7. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 106, p. 110.

## Ira[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-63.** Ira was born 27 December 1810. On 4 March 1835 he married Phoebe T. Morrison who was born 19 August 1813, the daughter of Bradbury Morrison who was a lieutenant in the Sanbornton, New Hampshire, Company at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1814 (the War of 1812). Sadly, Phoebe died 11 May 1839 at the age of twenty-six.(1) Ira buried her in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton, New Hampshire(2) and within seven months he was married again.

His second wife was Mrs. Betsey Jane (Young) Wiggen, whom he married 18 December 1839. Betsey was born 4 January 1813 in Ossippee, New Hampshire, the daughter of John C. and Betsey (Lord) Young of Ossippee.(3)

It is likely Ira always lived on the old family farm; he inherited some of it when his father died in 1865. Ira was made executor of his affairs.(4)

Ira participated in the public life of the town. As early as 1842, he was appointed a member of a commission to enforce the licensing of those who sold liquor. He was active in school affairs and is listed as having once been a teacher in the town. By 1860 he was elected to represent Sanbornton in the General Court of New Hampshire.(6) He is also said to have been a selectman and justice of the peace.(6)

Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Ira Woodman was a man of more than ordinary ability; very even in temperament. He weighed an idea carefully. Once he decided,

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he firmly believed himself right – yet he was always open to conviction. He was a loving, kind, and benevolent man, always doing his share in every good work; a true friend of the needy and poor. Ira was a devoted member of the Second Baptist Church. Politically, he was ever a Democrat. He was five 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed about 150 pounds and had a light complexion."(7)

Betsey J. made her will 7 January 1887 and she died before 19 November 1889. She left her daughter Sarah E. Woodman $1050.00 from her savings account in the Nashua New Hampshire Bank and household furniture – including a piano. Betsey J. left $1,052.62 to her children Alice Woodman Leavitt and Charles C. Woodman, making Charles C. executor of her will.(8)

Ira is said to have died 8 February 1893. He was not listed as one of Betsey Jane's heirs, nor did he inherit from her. They are buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton, with the daughter, Sarah E.(9)

*Ira and Phoebe's children:*(10)

**8-116** i John Bradbury[8], b. 21 Dec 1835.

ii An infant[8], that died unnamed.(11)

*Ira and Betsey Jane's children:*

iii Sarah Elizabeth[8], b. 5 Nov 1841. She was a teacher for a time.(12) Mrs. George Woodman wrote, "Uncle Ira's daughter Sarah never married, but lived at home on her grandfather's farm in Sanbornton helping her brother, Charles, in caring for their father and mother."(13) She died 1 Jun 1913 and is buried with her parents at New Bay Cemetery.(14)

**8-117** iv Alice W.[8], b. 30 May 1851.

**8-118** v Charles Coleman[8], b. 23 Jan 1853.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.
2. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.
4. 1840, 1850, 1860 U.S. Census; Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #2056.
5. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, pp. 108, 287, 398, 400, 403, 407.
6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
7. Ibid.
8. Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #4578.
9. Cemetery records.
10. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863; Betsey J.'s will and *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan,* prepared under editorial supervision of H. G. Cutler, Vol. II, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago, New York, pp. 779, 780.
11. *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan,* p. 780.
12. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 400.
13. A letter from Mrs. George Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 26 Mar 1921; 1900 U.S. Census Record.
14. Cemetery records.

## Sally[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-64.** Sally was born 12 December 1812. On 23 September 1838 she married a blacksmith named Barnard Hoit who was born 1 June 1814. For a time they lived in Littleton, New Hampshire, where Barnard worked as an axmaker. They went to Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where Barnard served as a selectman in 1870 and 1871.(1)

*Sally's children (named Hoit):*

i Phebe Woodman[8], b. 10 Apr 1840 in Littleton; d. 22 Jul 1846 of scarlet fever.

**8-119** ii Zebulon[8], b. 26 Jun 1842.

iii Sarah Woodman[8], b. 7 Sep 1845; she married Joseph D. Clark.

iv May Eaton[8], b. 21 Aug 1847; d. 30 Sep 1848.

**8-120** v David[8], b. 8 Sep 1849.
vi Aura[8], b. 8 Nov 1853.

Note:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 726, 863.

## Charles Chase[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-65.** Charles Chase was born 12 November 1814 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. On 23 November 1842 he married Martha A. Boody. She was born 30 May 1824 in Barrington, New Hampshire, the eldest daughter of Zachariah and Abigail (Watson) Boody.(1)

A farmer and blacksmith, Charles C. spent most of his life in Strafford, New Hampshire, though he is said to have lived for a time in Quincy, Massachusetts.(2) He was a Democrat, a member of the Baptist faith and a prominent Granger.(3)

Charles C. died 8 September 1895; Martha A. died 29 March 1903.(4) They are buried in the Caswell-Boody Cemetery at Bow Lake, New Hampshire.(5) All the babies who died young are buried in the Woodman Cemetery on Water Street at Bow Lake, New Hampshire.

*Charles' children:*(6)

i Sarah Abigail[8], b. 25 Aug 1843; d. 23 Jun 1844.
ii Elizabeth A. G.[8], b. 10 Jun 1845; d. 9 Nov 1846.
iii Zachariah B.[8], b. 21 Dec 1847; d. 9 Dec 1849.
**8-121** iv Elsie M.[8], b. 15 Mar 1851.
v Ida Frances[8], b. 17 Mar 1855; d. 25 Dec 1858.
**8-122** vi George Elmer[8], was born 2 Sep 1857.
vii Homer C.[8], was born 1 Apr 1860.(7) He married Josephine White at Rochester, NH, on 25 Sep 1889. She was born in Aug 1867 in French Canada (sic), the daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth White of Danville, Quebec, Canada.(8)

Homer C., a shoemaker, and Josephine were living in Strafford in 1900 and Homer died there 12 Jun 1905.(9) He had no children. He is buried with his parents in the Caswell-Boody Cemetery in Strafford.(10)

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863; Martha A.'s death record, New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. 1850-1860 U.S. Census; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
6. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 863-64.
7. Ibid.
8. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
9. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1900 U.S. Census.
10. Cemetery records, Concord, NH.

## Nathaniel Hart[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-66.** Nathaniel Hart was born 30 May 1817.(1) He was a farmer until he learned blacksmithing at the age of twenty. Nathaniel H. went to Kent County, Michigan, about 1841, where he bought 120 acres of land on Section fifteen in 1846.(2) He returned to New England in 1852 where he married Melinda Downs of Swansville, Maine, on New Year's Day in 1857.(3) Melinda was born 26 November 1827 in Swansville, the daughter of Paul and Mary (Moore) Downs. Nathaniel H.'s daughter, Clara G., wrote, "[The Moores] are of Scotch descent. They are what are called Highland

Scotch, our family directly descending from Lord Llewellyn Moor – or Moore – of Scotland. They sold their estate to the crown when coming to America."(4)

In the fall of 1864 Nathaniel H. loaded his household goods and highly-prized horses into a car and headed back West.(5) His son, John W., wrote "my parents, one brother, one sister and myself moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. In the spring of 1866 we moved onto a farm at Sparta, Michigan – fifteen miles from Grand Rapids."(6) Nathaniel and Melinda spent the remainder of their lives there. Nathaniel Hart made his living farming and blacksmithing. At intervals, he is said to have been connected with a butchering business in Grand Rapids.(7)

Nathaniel H. died 2 August 1886. Melinda survived him by nineteen years.

*Nathaniel H.'s children:*(8)

**8-123** i John W.[8], b. 13 Mar 1859.

ii Llewellyn M.[8], b. 20 Dec 1860 in Maine. He married Emily Brown about 1894. He is said to have married a second wife, Gertrude Booth Beaudin, and that he died 24 Aug 1942.(9) He was a farmer living in Boone, MI, and had no children.

**8-124** iii Clara G.[8], b. 8 Apr 1863.

**Nathaniel Hart and Melinda (Downs) Woodman**

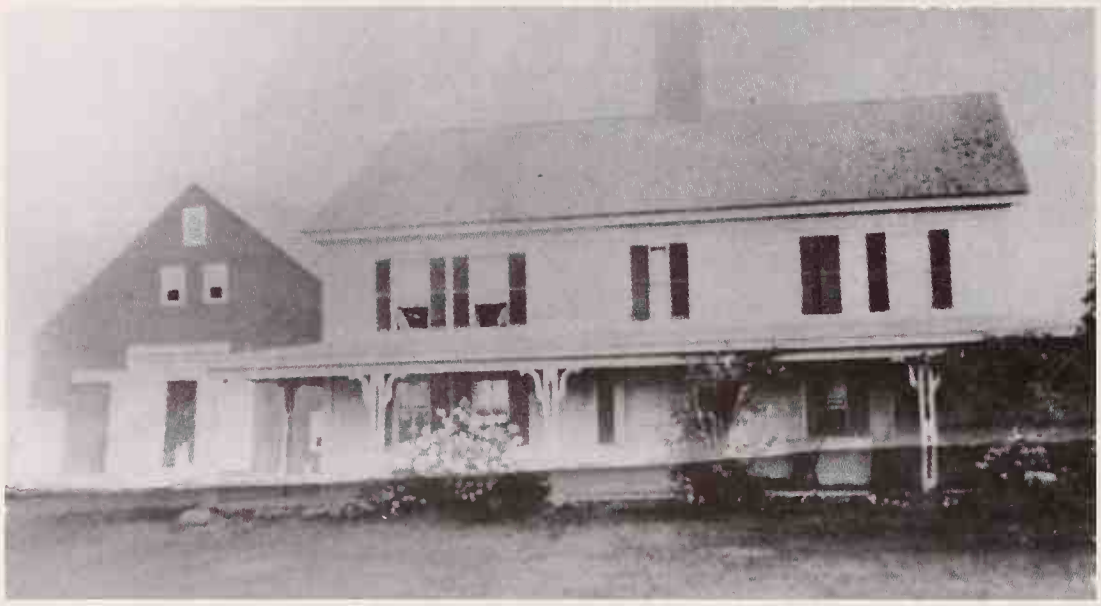
Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864.
2. *History of Kent Co., MI,* Charles C. Chapman & Co., Chicago, 1881, pp. 1348-9.
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II; Maine Vital Records.
4. An undated letter from Clara G. Woodman Rhodes, 1490 Lee Place, Detroit, MI.
5. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
6. Undated biography from John W. Woodman, Frederick, SD.
7. *History of Kent Co., MI.*
8. Biography from John W. Woodman; *History of Kent Co., MI.*
9. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Decendants of Capt. John Woodman*[2] *and Mary (Fields) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, p. 37.

## William Steven[7] (John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-67.** William Steven was born 11 July 1819. He married Mary Ann Fox 23 June 1841.(1) She was born 4 May 1821 at Meredith, New Hampshire, the daughter of Berry and Mehetable (Gale) Fox of Meredith.(2)

William S. was active in Sanbornton, New Hampshire's, town affairs for many years. He served several terms as a selectman, was town surveyor in 1863. In 1869 he represented the town in the New Hampshire General Court where he was remembered as being an effective speaker. William S. had charge of the town poor farm in 1850; from 1870-79 he was Superintendent of the Belknap County, New Hampshire, Almshouse.(3)



***Home of William S. Woodman***

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William S. died 13 April 1899 of lung cancer.(4) In 1900 Mary A. was listed as a boarder in her son George's house.(5) She died 5 June 1902 at the age of eighty-one.(6) They are buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.(7)

*William S.'s children:*(8)

**8-125** i Stephen Mead[8], b. 25 Apr 1842.
**8-126** ii Cynthia[8], b. 18 Sep 1846.
**8-127** iii Ella[8], b. 7 Sep 1853.

iv Josephine[8], b. 18 Dec 1855; m. Frank Sanborn of Ossipee, NH, 10 Feb 1874. In 1910 they had no children and lived in Milton Mills, NH. Frank was a harnessmaker.

**8-128** v George[8], b. 19 Apr 1858.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864.
2. Mary Ann's death record.
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, pp. 257, 322, 403, 405, 421, 438; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864; 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census.
4. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
5. 1900 U.S. Census.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
8. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864.

## James William[7] (Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-68.** James William was probably born in Belmont, Maine about 1805-1806. There are no marriage records for him in Belmont, or the surrounding area. It is said he left about 1828. When Cyrus Rowe of Belfast, Maine, was going to California in June of 1849, he met James William "coming from an Iowa train." It is said his descendants settled in Seattle, Washington.(1)

*James William's children:*

**8-129** i Ernest[8].

**8-130** ii Charles[8].

**8-131** iii Elizabeth[8].

Note:
1. Mrs. Theoda Mears Morse and Mr. & Mrs. Charles White, *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* published by the Morrill Historical Society, Inc., of Morrill, ME, pp. 443-4; Theoda Mears Morse, *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker of Roxbury, MA,* 1963, p. 16, unpublished ms. found in New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, MA.

## Charlotte S.[7] (Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-69.** Charlotte S. was born 24 July 1809, probably in Belmont, Maine. She married Tolman Bowen who was born 8 November 1803 at Union (Maine?), the son of Ezra and Experience (Tolman) Bowen.(1)

Tolman was a farmer and blacksmith. About 1830 Charlotte and Tolman settled on her father's old place in Belmont where they were members of the Christian Baptist Church and Tolman joined the Independent Temperance Society. By 1848, he owned a sawmill and was justice of the peace of Waldo County.

Charlotte died at Morrill, 5 July 1870. Tolman married a second wife, Mrs. Ruth Cram of Morrill, who died 12 January 1874. His third wife was Mrs. Beulah A. Sanborn whom he married 15 September 1874. Tolman died 16 May 1886 at Belfast, Maine and is buried in the Morrill Cemetery.

*Charlotte's children – all born in North Belmont, Maine (named Bowen):*

**8-132** i Ezra Woodman[8], b. 24 Jan 1832.

**8-133** ii Betsey Caroline[8] (Caroline Betsey?), b. 27 Aug 1834.

**8-134** iii Isaac Tolman[8], b. 29 Aug 1836.

**8-135** iv Amos Franklin[8], b. 11 Mar 1839.

**8-136** v Daniel Ono[8], b. 29 May 1842.

vi Abbie Jane[8], b. 18 Dec 1844; d. unmarried in Lowell MA, 15 Mar 1868.

**8-137** vii Clara Ethelinda[8], b. 4 Oct 1847.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 249, 251, 252, 442-444; *The Dolloff Family.*

## Elizabeth[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-70.** Elizabeth was born 20 March 1804 probably in Salisbury, Addison County, Vermont. The first child of her father and his second wife; she was eighteen when she went to Illinois with her father. On 10 March 1825 Elizabeth married Colonel Charles Gregory at her father's home on Woodman Mound in Greene County, Illinois.

Charles Gregory was born 28 May 1797 in Connecticut. When small, Charles went to Ohio with his father where he stayed until 1818. That year Charles drifted down the Ohio River in a canoe and landed at Shawneetown, Illinois and walked to Wood River, arriving there with fifty cents. Staying only a year, Charles returned to Ohio, but after a short time he resumed his wandering. After living in Madison County, Illinois, and then Missouri, he took up a piece of land in Greene County in Illinois.

Charles was a prominent man in his community. In 1837 while he served in the state legislature from Greene County, representing the old Whig party, the capitol was moved from Vandalia to Springfield. During the move Charles was responsible for moving the state treasury. Charles commanded a Regiment of Illinois Militia during the Blackhawk War with the Sauk and Fox Indians in 1832; he was appointed a Colonel of the State Militia in 1844.

Charles and Elizabeth lived on a good farm south of White Hall, Illinois, all of their lives. He died 6 May 1845; Elizabeth lived on for another twenty-seven years, dying 12 March 1872.

Elizabeth's nephew, Elijah Franklin Woodman, described Elizabeth as "a healthy, robust lady, a very companionable wife and mother." He said he did not remember ever seeing Elizabeth without a string of heavy gold beads at her throat. Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Charles was generally of the best and noblest men of Greene County."

In 1905 a Mrs. Alice Cullimore of Carrolton, Illinois had four letters Catherine Clifton had written from Oxford, Canada to her daughter Elizabeth.(1)

*Elizabeth's children (named Gregory):*

i Bryon L.[8], was b. 2 Aug 1827. He was a lawyer with a good education. He d. 8 Aug 1855 in Winchester, Illinois. He never married.

**8-138** ii James Woodman[8], b. 29 Jul 1829.

iii Charles Sherman[8], b. 19 Aug 1831; d. 30 Aug 1835.

iv William Burnitt[8], b. 14 Oct 1833; d. 5 Sep 1834.

v Cornelia Jane[8], b. 22 Mar 1836; d. 2 Nov 1836.

**8-139** vi Albert Bennett[8], b. 17 Jul 1839.

vii Norton Johnson[8], b. 5 Sep 1848 may have been Elizabeth's child, but I think he was the son of Elizabeth's sister, Deborah[7].

Note:

1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Eileen Smith Cunningham *Lower Illinois Valley, Greene Co., White Hall, Illinois,* The Country Print Shop, Modesto, IL 62667, 1978, pp. 50, 51.

## Deborah[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-71.** Deborah was born in Addison, Addison County, Vermont, 21 February 1806. At the age of fifteen she came to Greene County, Illinois, and resided with her father on Woodman Mound until

her marriage to Benjamin Sanders at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Gregory, near White Hall, Illinois, 11 August 1829.(1)

For some unaccountable reason, Deborah's father had objections to the attentions young Sanders paid to his daughter and forbade them to meet. Deborah would go to the garden, ostensibly for strawberries, but especially she saw Mr. Sanders. He was born near Boonsborough, Washington County, Maryland, 24 January 1802. He moved to Virginia, then to Ohio and finally to Greene County in 1826. He resided there until the county was divided and the division left him in Jersey County.

After the marriage, the young people resided in Carrolton until 1836, where his father-in-law had helped him to (sic) eighty acres of land which he partially squandered in trading and horse racing. After more help from Deborah's father and her brother George, Benjamin and Deborah moved out on the prairie, known (1908) as Palmer's Prairie. Here Benjamin built a log cabin of one room and commenced with the light of hope shining upon them through the single little window. Here, the star of this youth began to rise and continued to shine until his death. An aunt and uncle in Maryland having died in quick succession had left him heir to several thousand dollars. He soon began to show his real worth and moved to, and laid out, what is now Kemper, Illinois, then called Delaware, a town on the C. B. & Q. Railway. Sanders sold lots, traded and bought land, bought cattle and finally invested in the reaper business with Mr. Manney, the inventor. Many old men remember that the first reaper they ever saw was purchased from Sanders. Mr. Sanders put large capital into the business at Freeport, Illinois. He drew interest, took a general agency and worked hard until in September 1866, he took his wife and retired and moved to Virden, Macoupin County, Illinois, where they resided until their deaths. He died 22 January 1882 and was buried in Virden on his eightieth birthday. Mrs. Sanders died near Greenfield, Illinois, 1 April 1876 and was buried in Virden.

Benjamin Sanders was a large and highly respected landlord. He owned a tract of 1,600 acres near Kemper, purchased a farm near Virden, 1,000 acres near Fayette, Illinois and a nice home in Virden. Mrs. Sanders was a medium-sized lady, dark brown hair and grey eyes, and a member of the Baptist Church.(2)

*Deborah's children (named Sanders):*

**8-140** i Celia[8], b. 30 Jun 1830.

ii George[8], b. 21 Jun 1835; d. of consumption 9 Aug 1838.

iii Emily[8], b. 4 Sep 1837; d. in Jersey Co., IL 4 Feb 1853 of consumption. She was re-interred in Virden, IL Cemetery.

**8-141** iv Henrietta G.[8], b. 2 Jul 1840.

v Adelaide[8], b. 8 Aug 1842; d. of consumption 10 Aug 1861.

**8-142** vi Charles[8], b. 10 Nov 1845.

**8-143** vii Norton Johnson[8], b. 5 Sep 1848. Norton may have been the son of Deborah's sister Elizabeth Woodman Gregory[7], but I have added him here.

Notes:

1. Greene Co., IL Vital Records.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1905.

### Caroline[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-72.** Caroline was born near Addison, Vermont, 29 April 1808. She married at her father's home on Woodman Mound in Greene County, Illinois, 23 March 1830 to William Black, who was born near Carlisle, Cumberland County, England, 6 April 1807.(1) Mr. Black had bought a farm near Carrolton, Illinois where they resided for forty-two years. In early days it was a wild, bleak place,

but they persevered and made their home one of the most beautiful and best known in the county. William liked machinery and installed the first farm improvements on the prairie around Carrolton. Among these was the windmill, at that time something astonishing. He bought a corn grinder, whose hopper held fifty bushels of corn, and attached it to his windmill. He could fill the hopper at night and in the morning find the ground meal in the crib. As a result, he did a large custom business as a miller.

Mr. Black was one of the first breeders of Shorthorn cattle in central Illinois. It is said it was a common sight there to see fifty of the finest cows and heifers at one sight, some of them weighing nearly a ton.

The *White Hall Register* wrote: "Mr. Black has been a subscriber to the *Boston Investigator* for twenty years and a supporter of Radical Liberalism in all religious matters. He was as thorough a man on such questions as we had. In all affairs of life, temporal and otherwise, Mrs. Black was a zealous co-worker with her husband in all his sentiments. She was a most amiable lady, so sweet and winning and carried that disposition thru life. She was a devoted mother and companion, enterprising and industrious."

They both lived to be quite old. Mrs. Black to the age of eighty-three and her husband to seventy-nine. Mrs. Black was partially paralyzed for nearly forty years prior to her death in Carrolton, 14 April 1891; William died 24 July 1886. They are buried in the Carrolton Cemetery.(2)

*Caroline's children (named Black):*

**8-144** i John[8], b. 11 Feb 1831.

**8-145** ii Catherine M.[8], b. 20 Jun 1832.

iii Henry[8], b. 19 Aug 1835; d. 12 Jun 1878. This man invented a derrick or carrier for mowing hay which he manufactured and sold in a limited way. The principal is still in use in most all carriers (1908). He was a thorough mathematician and surveyor.

iv Orville[8], b. 21 Dec 1840; d. 1843.

v Oscar[8], b. 19 Jul 1842; d. 1843.

vi Edwin[8], b. 20 Dec 1843; lived about a year.

vii Charles[8], b. 5 Sep 1845; d. at the age of one year.

**8-146** viii Alice E.[8], b. 22 Feb 1849.

Notes:

1. Greene Co., IL Vital Records.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and Anna Woodman Daley.

## Mariah[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-73.** Mariah was born in Addison, Addison County, Vermont 21 May 1810. She married about 18 September 1829 to Joseph M. Schuyler, a native of Vermont, who was a silversmith in Carrolton, Illinois. He died about 1837 and was buried in Carrolton. Soon after his death she married Dr. Jacent (sic) Hawkins of Greenfield, Illinois. He died there 10 March 1860; she died about 1848.(1)

*Mariah's children (named Schuyler):*

**8-147** i Alfred Woodman[8], b. 19 Nov 1832.

**8-148** ii Joseph James[8], b. about 1834.

iii Ann E.[8], b. in 183_; m. Jacob D. Tunnison, 3 Sep 1847; d. 12 May 1848 on Tunnison Farms, two and one-half miles south of White Hall, Illinois and left no issue.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Greene Co., IL Vital Records.

**Austin[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-74.** Austin was born in Addison, Vermont, 20 August 1812. He attended school in Carrolton, Illinois. It is said he acquired an excellent education, but lacked ambition to apply it. He was married, in Carrolton, 21 May 1834 to Mary, daughter of Ephraim and Nancy Biba Baxter. Mary was born in Estill County, Kentucky, 21 November 1816.

Austin served in the Black Hawk War in 1832. It is said he was anxious to go, to which his father replied, "Better go and get your scalp taken." He farmed and blacksmithed on his father's farm, until 1837 when he moved to Estill County, Kentucky, where he resided until 1841 when he returned to his father's farm on Woodman Mound in Greene County, Illinois. In 1848 his father gave him one hundred and twenty acres of land in Spring Prairie near Greenfield, Illinois where he lived and farmed until he died.

In 1859 Austin and Mary separated and on 15 January 1860 he married Esther M., daughter of William H. and Matilda Lyman. She was born in the state of New York, 23 April 1830. Esther first married a Mr. Davis and second a Mr. Lewis. On 6 February 1865 Mary Woodman died and was buried on Austin's farm near Greenfield. His second wife died 31 March 1887 and is buried in Eldred Cemetery, Eldred, Illinois.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "My father says he was one of the most handsome men he had ever seen and adds that he very much disliked manual labor. His granddaughter, Grace Howard says, 'Grandfather was a great, and constant reader, very particular in his language, verbal or written.' He stood over 6 feet in height and weighed 200 pounds. He had grey eyes and dark auburn hair. Wore a light beard and was very particular as to its appearance."

Austin died on his farm near Greenfield 6 July 1873 leaving three minor children. His brother, Nelson, became their guardian. In probate court he estimated they should receive about $750.00. He is buried in Hardin Cemetery, Green County, Illinois.(1)

*Austin and Mary's children:*(2)

i Elizabeth[8], was b. at her grandfather's home on The Mound, 6 Oct 1836. She resided with her father until his death in 1873. After 1873 she was a housekeeper in the home of George Hutchinson, a banker in Greenfield, Illinois.

When the elder Hutchinson died, George, Jr. inherited his father's home. Young George, Jr. had grown into manhood under the impression that Miss Elizabeth was "Captain of the Household" and he stood in awe of her. When George, Jr. married a delicate, refined young lady he took her home and introduced her as his wife, a great surprise to Miss Elizabeth. The old lady looked at the bride for some time and, apparently satisfied, welcomed her. When the wife thought she would take charge of the household affairs, she was routed by her housekeeper. Mr. Hutchinson informed his wife that she had best let the old lady attend to things. It is said, a dish could not be broken or a piece of furniture scratched but what the old lady was in pursuit of the depredator. George once bought some fine pigeons and desiring to water them, went to the bench where Elizabeth kept her thirty large, clean crocks. As he was walking away with one crock, she spied him and ordered the crock to the bench at once. George took it back, then went downtown and bought one for the fowls.

Elizabeth never married and was satisfied keeping the house and members of George Hutchinson's family in order. She was 5 feet 6 inches in height; a very erect lady and quite slender. She had brown hair and eyes, a member of the M. E. Church. When asked if she ever danced she vigorously replied, "No, never, never."

ii Andrew M.[8], was b. in Estill Co., KY 19 Sep 1838. A farmer who never m., he died near Winchester, IL 4 Mar 1860, and is buried there. He was 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighed 160 pounds with dark brown hair and eyes.

iii Melissa Catherine[8], was b. in Estill Co., KY 7 Oct 1840. She m. Henry Miller, a

carpenter from Greene Co., IL and they moved to Kansas. In a short time she returned to Greenfield, IL and engaged in dressmaking. It is said she never spoke of Mr. Miller again. In 1870 Melissa was listed as a farmer living in Greene Co., IL with Ann twenty-one, Emeline sixteen, John thirteen, Thomas ten. These would be her younger brothers and sisters. Her father had remarried in 1860 and was having small children by his second wife.(3)

Melissa was a tall girl, 5 feet 11 inches, had dark brown hair and grey eyes, a member of the Baptist Church. She d. 25 Jan 1894 and is buried in West Cemetery (Greenfield?). She had no children.(4)

iv William B.[8], b. 3 Dec 1843 in Greene Co., IL. He d. 12 Oct 1845.

**8-149** v Edwin Arkless (Edward Archelaus)[8], b. 25 Mar 1846.

**8-150** vi Mary Ann[8], b. 14 Jul 1848.

**8-151** vii Alice Caroline[8], b. 29 Oct 1850.

**8-152** viii Emeline[8], b. 20 Apr 1854.

**8-153** ix John Walter[8], b. 1 Sep 1856.

**8-154** x Thomas Clinton[8], b. 9 Jul 1859.

*Austin and Esther M.'s children:*

xi Caroline L.[8], b. in Linder Township, Greene Co., IL. A dressmaker, in 1908 she lived with Mrs. Wesley Davis Flatt in Eldred, IL. A member of the Baptist Church, Carrie was 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed 130 pounds.

xii Charles A.[8], b. in Linder Township 29 Sep 1862; d. 22 Oct 1868.

**8-155** xiii George Wesley[8], b. 11 Oct 1866.

xiv Harry E.[8], b. in Linder 11 Mar 1869; d. 4 Mar 1876.

Notes:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
2. 1850 U.S. Census Greene Co., IL.
3. Probate Records Clerk of Circuit Court, Greene Co., Carrolton, IL, Drawer 85.
4. Ibid., 1870

## Nelson[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-75.** Nelson was born 12 July 1815 in Addison County, Vermont. At the age of six he accompanied his father to a sparsely-settled Greene County, Illinois. Indeed the very day the family arrived they are said to have met a company of men returning from an expedition against Indians who were threatening the neighborhood: He attended a log cabin school with greased paper window panes.(1)

Nelson farmed with his father until 12 December 1836 when he applied for a marriage license to marry sixteen-year-old Kentucky-born Zerelda Boyle. Because of her youth, her father James Boyle was required to give his consent, signing with an "X."(2) Zerelda's mother was Rhoda (Landers) Boyle. Zerelda and Nelson married 15 December that year.(3)

The Boyles had come from near Lexington, Kentucky, to Sangamon County, Illinois, and then on to Greene County. It is said James Boyle was a short, dark, powerful man – a full-blooded Irishman. Nelson's grandson, Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote of James Boyle, "he was quite an Indian fighter and once when hard-pressed by them, he put his young wife on the horse, took his rifle in one hand and held to the pommel of the saddle with the other and ran mile after mile until they had out-distanced the Indians and had reached protection.

*James and Rhoda had three other daughters:*

1. Amelia Ann, b. about 1814; m. John Hoffman. They had Frank Hoffman and Gertrude Hoffman. Both children were said to have d. in Arkansas ("Poverty got them," wrote Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.).

2. Kitty, m. Mr. Terry. They had children who lived at Cooper, TX.
3. Americus, m. Clark Rattan who at one time was a Representative in the Texas Legislature.(4)

Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "After his marriage Nelson farmed in Greene and Jersey Counties until 1848 when his father gave him one hundred and twenty acres on Spring Prairie in Greene County, where he resided until 1853. This farm was a good one and should have had proper attention, but in 1868 it was to be sold for taxes. Nelson's son Elijah, returning from Colorado redeemed the estate. At Nelson's death it was to be sold at Master-in-Chancery's Sale to divide the estate and Elijah F., the son, bought it.

***Home of Nelson Woodman—McKinney, Collin Co., TX***

In 1853 Nelson bought 240 acres of land in Zanesville Township, Montgomery County, Illinois. Later in 1860, he sold the place to his brother James Joy. After selling this farm he went back to the farm in Greene County.(5)

In 1850, after fourteen years of marriage, Nelson and Zerelda were living between Macoupin and Apple Creek, Greene County, with six children – the eldest was twelve, the youngest two. By 1860 they were in Zanesville, Montgomery County. Zerelda was thirty-eight and had delivered nine children; two of them were already dead.(6)

Nelson divorced Zerelda in 1860. His granddaughter, Anna Woodman Daley, said it was because Zerelda left Nelson. It seems, Anna's story goes, that soldiers were camped in a field near their farm and Zerelda fell in love with a sick or injured soldier she was caring for.

Zerelda married David Mayfield and they had two sons, Manning and Oscar. But her marriage to Mayfield was a short one,

***Nelson Woodman***

for she died in 1865. It is said she died at her son Elijah Franklin's house in Montgomery County, Illinois. She is buried in the Sulpher Springs Cemetery in Macoupin County beside her children Georgia Ann and George who died so young.

Anna Daley wrote that Zerelda's children felt hurt and resentful toward her because she had left their father and several young children. It isn't clear which parent kept six-year-old Martha Fidelity, eight-year-old Orlena and eleven-year-old Americus Josephine; young Hiram Return was only sixteen.

Years later Elijah Franklin realized their mother's grave had remained unmarked and he erected a stone with the following engraving:

In this grave lies our only mother
with eldest sister
and youngest brother
There can never be to us another
Can we wish she was alive?
Those cherished memories we'll try to save
For men know nothing beyond the grave.(7)

***Zerelda (Boyle) Woodman***

On 4 June 1862 Nelson married Mrs. Temperance Spradley Cannedy.(8) Temperance (called "Aunt Tempe" by Nelson's first family) was born 7 August 1826 in Tennessee(9) the widow of her first husband James Calhoun (Carroll) Cannedy and the mother of three children from that first marriage – Ransom Alonzo, Elizabeth Ann and Frank P.(10) By 1870 Nelson and Temperance lived in Greene County near Greenfield. They had three small children and her son Ransom Alonzo.(11) Shortly after that Nelson moved to a farm near McKinney in Collin County, Texas and they built a house.

It isn't clear when Nelson began having eye problems, but despite treatment by doctors, Nelson was blind by 1878. By 1880, it is said, Nelson's vision returned.

Nelson's grandson, Elijah Franklin, Jr., described Nelson as 5 feet 7 inches tall weighing about 145 pounds. He had long, curly, auburn hair and blue eyes and stood very straight.

Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "He was a happy go lucky man who took very little notice of the affairs of the world and enjoyed life as best he knew how, for with him the proverb 'we pass thru this world but once' was a fact. I have heard many stories of how well he could dance and sing and later in life how religious he became and joined the Baptist Church."

Young Elijah continued about his grandfather, "Nelson received a good education in the schools of Carrolton but never made capital out of it. He preferred to hunt, fish, read, sing, dance and go to church. And, liked fast horses and when possible raced them. [He was] also a lover of jokes and I have heard father say he would stop a threshing machine to tell a story or play with a baby. Another pastime of his was to hunt bees and father says: 'When I was a little fellow, father would take me and go down to the creek and stand on the hot bank while he watched for the bees and generally found a tree. I would almost burn in the hot sun.' Naturally he had bees galore but took no special pains to get the honey."

It is said Nelson was an abolitionist during the Civil War and that he helped arrest and capture a wounded Colonel Carlin who led a regiment of rebels called Copperheads against the North. Nelson remained a Republican until Samuel Jones Tilden, a New York Democrat, received a majority of votes for President of the United States, but lost the election in the Electoral College. "By ganney," Nelson said when he heard Tilden lost, "I will never vote the Republican ticket again!"(12)

Although Nelson visited Illinois several times, he died down in Texas 2 August 1884. Nelson had loved horses all of his life (it is said he ran his last race at the age of forty-five), and had gone horseback riding the day before he died. He is said to have died of paralysis of the lower limbs and bowels.

Nelson had never sold the one hundred twenty acres on Spring Prairie in Greene County that his father had given him in 1848, but it was a very neglected farm. In 1868, Nelson's son Elijah Franklin had rescued the property when he paid the over-due taxes.

After Nelson's death, Elijah Franklin and probably his brothers and sisters (all from Nelson's first family) sued to have the farm sold and divided. Temperance, who was guardian of her two minor sons, Oscar E. and Albert Gregory, asked the court for their share of the proceeds.(13)

Temperance lived with her sons on the farm in Texas for several years, finally returning to Illinois. She was on the train going to see her stepson, Elijah Franklin – not knowing he was in the coach ahead of her. She saw the back of his head through the car door and asked the conductor if that was Mr. Woodman. When she called he was very surprised, as they had not seen each other for many years.

Aunt Tempe, as she was called, never used spectacles, but while on this visit her stepson presented her with some gold ones and she exclaimed, "Why, I had no idea they were so helpful." She did not survive her homecoming long. She decided to make this son another visit when she stopped at the home of her son Frank Cannedy in Carrolton and said she was tired and believed she would rest until next day for the trip. She died a few days later on 18 August 1903 aged seventy-seven years seven months and seven days. She is buried in the Allen Cemetery in Greene County while Nelson is buried about five and one-half miles south of McKinney, Texas.(14)

*Nelson and Zerelda's children:*(15)

**8-156** i James Henry[8], b. 22 Oct 1838.
**8-157** ii Elijah Franklin[8], b. 8 Jan 1840.
**8-158** iii Charles Calvin Gregory[8], b. 8 Jan 1842.
**8-159** iv Hiram Return[8], b. 12 Dec 1844.
v Georgia Ann[8], b. 4 Mar 1846; d. of croup in 1855 age ten years, seven months, two days. She is buried by her mother at Sulpher Spring, IL.
**8-160** vi Americus Josephine[8], b. 11 Nov 1849.
**8-161** vii Orlena Augusta[8] (Lena), b. 12 Feb 1852.
**8-162** viii Martha Fidelity[8], b. 22 Jun 1854.
ix George[8], b. 6 Mar 1856. He contracted croup while on a wagon in the fields with his brothers and died of it 4 Nov 1859. He is buried by his mother in Sulpher Springs, IL.

*Nelson and Temperance's children:*

**8-163** x William Benjamin[8], b. 21 Aug 1863.
**8-164** xi Oscar Edwin[8], b. 16 Dec 1865.
**8-165** xii Albert Gregory[8], b. 30 Jun 1868.

Notes:

1. *History of Greene Co., IL.*
2. Greene Co., IL County Clerk & Recorders Office, application for marriage license.

3. Greene Co. Vital Records.
4. Ibid.; and notes of Anna Woodman Daley.
5. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
6. 1850 U.S. Census Greene Co., IL and 1860 U.S. Census Montgomery Co., IL.
7. Anna Woodman Daley notes.
8. Marriage license, Greene Co., County Clerk & Recorders Office.
9. 1870 U.S. Census Greene Co., IL.
10. Notes of Sandra Morrison, Stillwater, OK.
11. 1870 Greene Co., IL U.S. Census.
12. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
13. Greene Co., IL Clerk of Circuit Court, Drawer, 85, #2459.
14. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
15. Notes of Anna W. Daley and Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Planning the Route,* Vol. II, Harmon Co., OK History Book, Oklahoma State Historical Society, 1987, pp. 425, 426. Sandra Morrison of Stillwater, OK submitted the section about the Woodmans to *Planning the Route.*

## Sarah Ann[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-76.** Sarah Ann was born on Woodman Mound, near Carrolton, Illinois 4 July 1829, the first child of Elijah and his third wife Mary (Roach).

She married Cyrus Vigus of near Carrolton, Illinois, about 1849 against the wish of her father so they married away from home. When her father died he gave eighty acres of land to Sarah to be enjoyed by her for life and then for her children. She died in 1872 and Mr. Vigus continued to reside upon the farm near Woodville, Illinois until his death.

Mrs. Vigus had grey eyes and brown hair; she was a small, quick-tempered woman.(1)

*Sarah Ann's children (named Vigus):*

i John[8], m. _____ Perrine. He d. in Carrolton.
ii William[8], m. John's widow; was a paper-hanger in Carrolton.
iii Mary[8].
iv Carrie[8].
v Charles[8], resided in Carrolton.
vi Hampton[8].
vii Ida[8].

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

## James Joy[7] (Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-77.** James Joy was born at Woodman Mound 9 August 1832 when his father was sixty-one years old, the son of his father and third wife, Mary (Roach). His mother died when he was four. He received an excellent education in the schools at Carrolton, Illinois. By the time James Joy was born his father did not require his help either in the shop or on the farm; so he never accustomed himself to manual labor.

The *White Hall Register* of 29 March 1873 wrote of him:

> The Woodman that ought to have been the best off of all was this last. During the minority of his latter children . . . Elijah[6] married the Widow Chorn. She lived on the place a long time and when Andrew Christy and Martin Bowman eventually bought the place, in order to get a clear title they paid Mrs. Woodman one thousand dollars for a release of her rights under Mr. Woodman's will. Notwithstanding this claim James J. Woodman came into possession of two hundred acres of as good land as 'a crow ever flew over.' Well improved, well stocked and admirably situated. The land afterwards in the dull times sold for $50.00

per acre cash which was not half it's worth; as it had one of the finest gardens and about ten acres of the finest orchards and had the greatest variety of fruit of any farm in Greene County.

On 10 March 1854, James married Mary Fullerton(1), who came over in 1850 at the age of fourteen years from the Highlands of Scotland.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "James J. reveled in ease and finery. He rode behind his $4,000.00 horse; spent a great deal of money taking premiums with him and his offspring for nothing could compete with Champion Black hawk. A better strain of horses has never been in Greene County since and will not be again soon. He was a pure-blood Morgan."

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. said James J. hired twice as much help as he needed, paid them excessive wages, and gave little attention to what they did.

By about 1860, Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. said, he was forced by his pressing financial problems to sell all of his assets to satisfy his creditors. He moved over to Zanesville in Montgomery County, Illinois, on 160 acres he bought from his brother Nelson. It saddened the family to see Elijah's[6] old Woodman Mound go, for it is said its location was "high, commanding and picturesque."

***James Joy Woodman***

In 1876 James J. moved to a farm one and one half miles southwest of Nilwood, Macoupin County, Illinois, finally moved to Virden, Illinois, where he was a woodworker in a shop until his health failed.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. continued, "James J. was a Democrat. During the Rebellion he paid for a substitute, owing to his own health, mainly. He never allied himself with any religious sect but was quite a church goer. He was about 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighed 200 pounds. Dark brown hair, grey eyes; wore a full beard but no mustache. He had suffocating spells and would fight for air. People would say, 'Mr. Woodman is sick and cannot breath; get back.' These short, sudden spells soon caused his death on 5 March 1894. Mary died in Virden 20 June 1897 and both are buried in Virden.(2)

*James Joy's children:*(3)

**8-166** i Mary Catherine[8], b. 8 Sep 1854.

ii Julia[8], b. 16 Sep 1856; d. 25 Sep 1856.

iii Elijah Archibald[8], b. 3 Aug 1858 and lived with his father until 1880. He worked in the mines in Virden until 1887 when he went to Streator, IL. Early in 1888 he went to Minonk, IL where he spent the rest of his life training horses. He traveled over the state with race and show horses, taking premiums and winning purses. In August 1905 he started West with a car of horses.

Afflicted for sometime with stomach trouble, he got as far as Nebraska, where he died on 2 September of cancer of the stomach. He is buried in Virden.

Elijah A. had black hair and brown eyes, wore a mustache, was 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighed 160 pounds. He never married.

**8-167** iv Agnes[8], b. 23 Mar 1860.
**8-168** v Byron Gregory[8], b. 14 Feb 1862.
**8-169** vi Medora Alice[8], b. 1 Aug 1866.
**8-170** vii Martha Jeanette[8], b. 24 Aug 1867.
**8-171** viii Grace R.[8], b. 7 Mar 1871.
**8-172** ix James Joy[8], b. 18 Oct 1875.

Notes:
1. Greene Co., IL Vital Records.
2. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
3. 1870 U.S. Census.

**Daniel[7] (Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-78.** Daniel was born 13 July 1800 in Acton, Maine.(1) He accompanied his parents to West Alton, New Hampshire, in 1812. When very young he is said to have put all of his belongings in a handkerchief and walked to Danvers, Massachusetts, where he found employment with Mr. Porter, Burley Farm and the Ironworks at Danversport. When he had saved enough money he started his own business as an expressman and teamster.(2)

On 1 November 1828 he declared marriage intentions with Fanny Friend who was born in Brentwood, New Hampshire, about 1804,(3) the daughter of Nathaniel and _____ (Butman) Friend.(4) Daniel, called a laborer, died 1 August 1881 in Danvers.(5) Fanny died there 12 October 1882, age seventy-eight years, five months.(6)

*Daniel's children:*(7)

**8-173** i Edwin Wentworth[8], b. 27 Mar 1830.
**8-174** ii Frederick Augustus[8], b. 5 Apr 1832.
**8-175** iii Frances Ellen[8], b. 22 Oct 1834.
iv Sarah Elizabeth[8], b. 1 Aug 1836, she d. in Danvers 27 Dec 1892. She probably never married.(8)
**8-176** v Daniel[8], b. 27 May 1839.
vi Adeline[8], b. 28 Dec 1842. In 1910 she lived with her sister Frances E. Ross. It is said she did not marry.(9)
**8-177** vii Joseph Warren[8], b. 25 Jan 1847.

Notes:
1. Danvers, MA Vital Records 1:420.
2. Wm. Richard Cutler, A.M.,*Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, pp. 1049-1050.
3. Danvers Vital Records p. 328.
4. *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* p. 1050.
5. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, MA 328:182.
6. Ibid., 337:182.
7. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census; Danvers Vital Records; *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* p. 1050.
8. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston 427:339.
9. 1910 U.S. Census of Danvers.

**Jonathan[7] (Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-79.** Jonathan was born 30 July 1819(1) probably in Alton, New Hampshire.(2) He married Hannah R. Rollins in Alton 13 October 1846. Hannah was born 23 August 1831 in Alton, the daughter of John and Mary (Polly) (Perkins) Rollins (Rawlins).(3) Jonathan died 16 November 1890 at New Durham, New Hampshire,(4) and by 1900 Hannah was living in New Durham with their sons Henry D., Albert and Frederick.(5)

Hannah's great-granddaughter, Harriette Woodman Kenney, remembers a trip with her parents to see Hannah.

"I remember when I perhaps was six years old going to the farm in Alton for a weekend. My dad hired a horse called Rex from Ben Rounds who ran a livery stable. We rode as far as Lakeport and put old Rex up for the night at a livery stable there. Uncle Arthur was married to Maude, his first wife then, and we spent the night with them and left early the next morning with a fresh horse . . . Everything was fine (on the second day) with me until it started getting dark and I really was homesick . . . I can remember singing to try and cheer myself up."

Following the second night spent at her grandfather Leroy's home the trip continued, " . . . The next morning," Harriette wrote, "we started out again and called to see Hannah, Albert and Henry. I honestly can't say if it was in Alton or New Durham. The house, a Cape Cod, that was badly in need of paint sat up on a knoll, no house nearby.

"I can remember eating Hannah's saltine crackers until I embarrased my mother. And Hannah said, 'Let the child eat; she is growing!'. . . The place as I remember was neat and clean – kind of bare-looking compared to the way we live today . . . We left for our long ride to the old town of Hill and it was a long ride with a horse and wagon."

On the return trip they again stayed with Uncle Arthur. ". . . We started out the last lap of our journey with old Rex," Harriette remembered, "a dapple grey – a beautiful animal really. Len [her future husband] and I used to hire him when we did some of our courting . . . I was glad to get back and into my own bed again."(6)

Hannah died 15 April 1915 in New Durham.(7)

*Jonathan's children:*(8)

i Albert[8], b. 20 Jan 1848. When Albert, a shoemaker, was twenty-eight he m. twenty-nine-year-old Ella Deland of Farmington, NH on 29 Dec 1877. Less than three years later, on 1 Sep 1880, Albert divorced Ella, charging her with adultery.(9)

In 1880 Ella asked the Strafford Co. Probate Court to restore her name to Deland.(10)

In 1900 Albert was living in New Durham, NH with his mother and his brothers Henry D. and Frederick. Albert died there 17 Jun 1919. Since Albert never married again or had children, his sister Martha Randall and four brothers Fred, Miles C., Edward L. and Leroy petitioned the court to appoint Miles C. administrator of Albert's estate.(11)

**8-178** ii LeRoy Francis[8], b. 30 Jul 1850.

**8-179** iii Henry D.[8], b. 27 Dec 1853.

**8-180** iv Martha Jane[8], b. 22 Oct 1855.

v Sally[8], b. 4 Jun 1859 or 14 Jun 1860.(12)

vi Daughter[8], b. 28 Mar 1862. (IGI lists dau. named "Susan, b. 28 Mar 1863.")

vii Miles C.[8], was b. 27 Jul 1866 in Alton. On 26 Sep 1876, at Milton Mills where he was living at the time, Miles C. m. Sarah M. Fellows. The twenty-one-year-old Sarah was b. in Wakefield, NH, the dau. of James P. and Mary Abbie (Pike) Fellows.(13)

Miles and Sarah continued to live in Milton Mills until sometime after 1900.(14) When he served as administrator of his brother Albert's estate, he was living in Farmington and that is where he died 29 Mar 1933. His death record listed his occupation as shoemaker. Miles had no children.(15)

viii Daughter[8], b. 27 Jul 1867.

ix Frederick I.[8], b. 14 Feb 1870. He m. Mrs. Cora B. Donvay 26 Jun 1906. Cora was a forty-four-year-old divorcee, the dau. of Freeman and Jurusha Smith of Alton. Though Frederick d. in Wolfeboro, NH 15 Feb 1943, he and Cora spent most, if not all, of their life in Farmington. When Cora petitioned the probate court to administer Frederick's estate, they had no children.(16)

Cora d. 11 Sep 1950.

**8-181** x Edward L.[8], b. about 1872.

Notes:

1. *Wentworth Family Genealogy,* Vol. I, p. 394-5.
2. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 94:379 (Belknap Co. Deed 7:552).
3. New Hampshire Vital Records; John Rolins, *Records of the Family Named Rawlins or Rollins in The United States,* 1874, p. 72.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. 1900 U.S. Census.
6. A letter from Harriette Woodman Kenney, Plymouth, NH 03264, 16 Feb 1990.
7. New Hampshire Vital Records.
8. 1850, 1860, 1880 U.S. Census; Harriette's letters Apr 1984, 11 May 1984, 4 Apr 1985.
9. New Hampshire Vital Records.
10. Strafford Co. Probate, Docket #6212.
11. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1900 U.S. Census, Strafford Co. Probate, Docket #X4385.
12. New Hampshire Vital Records.
13. Ibid.
14. 1900 U.S. Census.
15. New Hampshire Vital Records.
16. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #A2550.

**Elijah[7] (John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-80.** Elijah was born 22 October 1812 in Shapleigh, Maine. Elijah's daughter Martha J. wrote, "My father spent all his young days around the White Mountains, Alton Bay, Laconia and the Notch. Was in the family of Saml Rines [Rives?] of Lancaster, New Hampshire where he learned his trade quite young [blacksmith] – a poor boy. But how he came there . . . ." (she did not know).(1)

On 26 November 1835 at Somersworth, New Hampshire, he married Martha Jane Grant. She was born in Milton, New Hampshire, 25 March 1815, the daughter of Daniel and Martha (Mills) Grant.(2)

Elijah was in Winslow, Maine, by 1841. On 5 February of that year he bought about one-eighth acre of land there. The 1850 Census lists them in Fairfield, Maine; an 1868 deed calls them from Waterville, Maine.(3)

By 1880 Elijah and Martha were living in Lawrence, MA. Daughter Martha J. wrote, "Mother worked in a mill – she and a cousin of hers, Sally Miller. Mother always went to church and when they joined the Free Baptist Church I was there at the baptism."(4)

Martha J. and Elijah also lived in Salem, New Hampshire, where Elijah died 23 March 1895. He is buried in Methuen, Massachusetts. Martha J. died in Methuen 11 August 1900. She is said to have previously lived in Ayers Village, Massachusetts. She is buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Methuen.(5)

*Elijah's children – all born Waterville, Maine:*(6)

i Erastus[8], d. Waterville, ME age six months.

**8-182** ii Elijah Manley[8], b. 3 Oct 1837.

iii Erastus Daniel[8], b. 26 Nov 1839; he was wounded in the second Battle of Bull Run and d. in a hospital 16 Sep 1862. He never married.

**8-183** iv Alvin Blackwell[8], b. 14 Mar 1842.

**8-184** v Rose E. (Rosanne?)[8], b. 30 Jan 1844.

vi Ella[8], d. three or four years old.

**8-185** vii Ella[8].

viii Martha J.[8] wrote that she was b. in 1846. She d. at H.G. Nevins Home for the aged in Methuen, MA 5 Feb 1931. She is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Methuen. In 1880 she lived with her parents in Lawrence, MA, and may have lived with them most of her life. She never married.(7)

ix Tristam Hall[8]. Hattie Belle wrote that the family knew nothing about him. A New Hampshire death record has him b. 7 Jul 1836 in Walpole, ME and that he d. at the County Hospital in Brentwood, NH 31 Jan 1937, age one hundred years, six months, twenty-four days. Perhaps as Tristam grew old and more isolated from his family he forgot his age; he was three years old when the 1850 U.S. Census was taken.(8)

Notes:

1. Letters from Elijah's granddaughter Hattie Belle Woodman, Methuen, MA, 11 Dec 1910 and from Walpole, ME 11 Oct 1921; letter from Elijah's daughter Martha J. Woodman to Hattie Belle Woodman, Walpole, ME, 8 Oct 1922.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. Kennebec Co., ME Reg. of Deeds 125:198, 269:525.
4. 1880 U.S. Census; letter from Martha J. Woodman to Hattie Belle Woodman.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records; Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Dept., Boston, MA 1891 504:641; Edgar Gilbert, A.B., *History of Salem, NH,* Rumford Printing Co., Concord, NH, 1907, p. 118.
6. 1850 U.S. Census, Fairfield, Somerset Co., ME; Sarah D. Lang, *Winslow, Maine Vital Records to 1892,* ed. 1937 p. 114; Hattie Belle Woodman's letter Walpole, ME, 11 Oct 1921.
7. 1850 U.S. Census, Fairfield, ME; 1880 U.S. Census, Lawrence, MA; Martha J. Woodman's letter to Hattie Belle Woodman; Massachusetts Vital Records Health Bldg., Boston, 1891-1931, 56:341.
8. 1850 U.S. Census, Fairfield, ME; New Hampshire Vital Records.

**Woodman Miller[7] (Lois Woodman Miller[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-81.** Woodman Miller married Nancy Hurd in 1831. She was born 8 August 1810 in Acton, Maine, the daughter of Sam and Annie (Clark) Hurd.(1)

Hattie Belle Woodman wrote that Woodman's mother Lois (Woodman) Miller, and his Aunt Ann (Woodman) Prescott became widows and lived with Woodman Miller in Shapleigh, Maine.(2)

*Woodman's children (named Miller):*(3)

i Samuel[8], b. about 1832.

ii Cyrus[8], b. about 1833.

iii Anna[8], b. about 1834.

iv Tamson[8], b. about 1835.

v Benjamin[8], b. about 1838.

vi Mary E.[8], b. about 1840.

vii Harriet[8], b. about 1842.

viii James[8], b. about 1843.

ix Charles[8], b. about 1844.

x Elmira[8], b. about 1846.

xi George W.[8], b. about 1849.

Gertrude Hall wrote that Woodman M. had thirteen children and added:

xii William H.[8]

xiii An infant who d.

Notes:
1. Gertrude E. Hall, *Families of Shapleigh and Acton, ME,* an undated manuscript at Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, ME.
2. Letters from Hattie Belle Woodman, Methuen, MA, 11 Dec 1910 and a letter from Walpole, ME, 10 Oct 1921; 1850 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, ME.
3. 1850 U.S. Census; *Families of Shapleigh and Acton.*

## Josiah[7] (Josiah[6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-82.** Josiah was probably born about 1800 in Lee, New Hampshire – probably the eldest child – and the administrator of his father's estate in 1823. That same year, 17 November 1823, Josiah married Nancy Langley of Nottingham, New Hampshire.(1)

On 6 November 1827 Josiah sold twenty-two acres in Nottingham to his brother, John, which "was formerly owned by my honored father, Josiah, deceased." In December of that year he sold two more acres that had belonged to his father; his wife Nancy L. gave up her dower. By that time, Josiah had followed his father's footsteps and become a shoemaker.(2)

Although there is no record of her death, Nancy died sometime between December of 1827 and 3 May 1829 when Josiah married Elizabeth D. Williams of Lee. Born in 1807, she was the daughter of Isaac Williams of Madbury, New Hampshire.(3)

On 2 February 1833 Josiah and his brother Edward sold four acres and forty-two rods of land in Nottingham to their sister Mary Chapman. Nothing more is known about Josiah until the 1850 U.S. Census. That year Josiah made his last purchase of land – four acres in Nottingham.(4)

In April of 1860 Josiah and Elizabeth D., "wife of Josiah Woodman" sold nine and one-half acres of land in Lee which Elizabeth had inherited in July 1841 from Betsey Williams of Lee.(5)

Elizabeth died 19 January 1855, age fifty-nine. Before 17 February 1868, Josiah married for the third time; she was Mrs. Susan Taylor. On that date Josiah and Susan sold two acres of land in Nottingham which she had purchased of George Dearborn.(6)

In April, Josiah made his will as follows:

To his wife Susan he left $5.00. Josiah's daughter Louisa M. Chick and his grandson Frank A. Chick, $25.00 each. His son True William was to be paid $100.00. John J., Josiah's son, was to receive the residue of the estate and be the executor.(7)

Josiah died in 1872. His son True William wrote, "he was buried on the old homestead."

*Josiah and Nancy's children:*(8)

i David[8], b. about 1826; d. about 1854. Beverly Beaudette wrote that David d. 5 Mar 1851, age 24.

ii Hiram[8]. True William said Hiram drowned about 1845. Beverly Beaudette wrote that Hiram was b. about 1826 and d. 4 July 1842, age seventeen. She said he drowned in the North River.

*Josiah and Elizabeth's children:*

iii Nancy E.[8], b. about 1831. In 1921 True William wrote, "she died 58 or 60 years ago, single. I can't remember any nearer." Beverly Beaudette wrote Nancy d. 20 Feb 1857, age twenty-six.

**8-186** iv Louisa Maria[8] (Maria Louisa?), b. about 1833.

v John J.[8], b. about 1838.(9) On 20 Oct 1861 he was enrolled in Co. B of the 5th Regt., NH Infantry in the Civil War.

In 1921 True William wrote, "My brother John J. . . . enlisted in the 5th NH. Regt., Co. B. [He] was taken prisoner at the 7 days fight [sic] at Richmond, Virginia. When they exchanged prisoners they put him in the ranks. He was sick and couldn't march so he stept out and swam the Potomac River & came home."

On 19 Oct 1872 John J. m. Sarah S. Canney at Strafford Center, NH. She, b. about 1857, was fifteen years old at the time of her marriage – eighteen years younger than John J.

In February 1883, John J., forty-four years old, 6 feet 2-1/2 inches tall, with dark hair, gray eyes and a light complexion, applied to the government for an invalid's pension. He claimed that while on duty about 27 Jun 1862 at Gaines Mill, VA, he contracted chronic diarrhea which produced blind piles. He claimed this disease very much disabled him from his job as a laborer.

Following a medical examination, a board of doctors reported they found no such disorder. About this time a search of his military record revealed that he had deserted at Alexandria, VA, 29 Aug 1862.

On New Year's Eve, 1884, Sarah S. appeared before the Rockingham Co. Probate Court. John J., she said, was an insane person. A request she be appointed his guardian was granted.(10)

John J.'s medical claim was rejected by the military and he d. 29 Mar 1886. Two months after John J.'s death, authorities foreclosed a mortgage on eight acres of land John J. had bought 11 Oct 1881.(11) Now Sarah S. would take up the battle for his Civil War pension.

On 20 Jan 1890, Sarah, now thirty-three years old, applied to the government for a pension. She claimed John J. "died of disease of the brain resulting from malarial poisoning contracted while in service." In 1895 the military made its final rejection of the claim. John J., they said, had never been discharged, that he was still carried on their rolls as a deserter. At the time Sarah S. was living in Concord, NH. She and John J. had no children.

**8-187** vi True William[8], b. 8 Jun 1843.

Susan Taylor Woodman had three children of her former marriage: 1. Elizabeth Taylor, m. Stolen S. Tuttle. 2. Clark Taylor. 3. Nathan Taylor.

Notes:

1. *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* Vol. IV, Jan 1907-Oct 1907, p. 184.
2. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 250:346; 252:198.
3. *New Hampshire Genealogical Record,* Vol. IV, Jan 1907-Oct 1907, p. 187; Nottingham Town Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society; an undated biography from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH.
4. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 312:471; 363:262; 358:292.
5. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 234:247.
6. Biography from True William Woodman; Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 424:164.
7. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #941.
8. 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census; biography from True William; Notes from Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, 4 Apr 1989.
9. Death notices from *The Morning Star.*
10. 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census NH; military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
11. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #4589.
12. Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 486:43; 487:1; 506:113.

## Susan Demeritt[7] (Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-83.** Susan was born 22 December 1806; died 24 April 1877. She married Gen. Alfred Hoitt 26 October 1827. Alfred, son of Samuel, was born 11 January 1806 in Northwood, New Hampshire; he died 9 November 1883 in Dover, New Hampshire. His biography and picture are on pp. 312 and 313 of Vol. I, *History of Durham.* They lived in Durham, New Hampshire.(1)

*Susan's children (named Hoitt):*

i Franklin Woodbury[8], b. 5 Apr 1829; d. 1876, unmarried.

**8-188** ii Alfred Demeritt[8], b. 14 Oct 1830.

**8-189** iii Alvina Amanda[8], b. 8 Feb 1832.
**8-190** iv Samuel Piper[8], b. 26 Mar 1833.
**8-191** v Elizabeth Susan[8], b. 1 Mar 1835.
vi Lydia Olive[8], b. 30 Oct 1836; d. 10 Oct 1909; m. Rufus W. Willey, Jr., who was b. 21 Nov 1828.
vii Henrietta[8], b. 28 Feb 1838; m. Alden P. Sherburne of Concord, NH.
viii Mary Francis[8], b. 22 Jul 1839; m. 1st Charles Bean; m. second Franklin Young.
ix Martha Ann[8], b. 20 Apr 1841; m. Marcellus Perkins of York, ME.
x George Irving[8], b. 2 Feb 1843; m. twice. A soldier in the Civil War.
xi Washington[8], b. 25 Dec 1844. Lived in Somerville, MA. Unmarried.
xii Sylvia Victoria[8], b. 12 Jan 1847; killed in an accident near Saco, ME, 22 Jun 1912. She m. Laban Mark True Hill of Barrington, NH, and lived in Dorcester, MA.
xiii Charles Edward[8], b. 8 Mar 1849; m. Martha J. Langley 2 May 1891. A prominent citizen of Durham, his picture and biography are in Volume I, *History of Durham,* pp. 325-326.

Note:
1. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, pp. 159, 243, 312, 313, 325, 326, 332; Vol. II, pp. 217, 218, 387.

## Mary[7] (Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-84.** Mary (Polly) born 10 February 1805. In November 1827, in Amesbury, Massachusetts, she married Andrew Chapman who was born 25 April 1806 in Tamworth, New Hampshire, the son of Eliphalet and Peggy (Kennison) Chapman. Mary died 3 April 1863.(1)

*Mary's children (named Chapman):*

**8-192** i Samuel[8], b. 16 Feb 1839.

Mary is said to have had other children who died young.

Note:
1. Jacob Chapman, *A Genealogy: Edward Chapman of Ipswich, MA 1642-1678,* Republican Press Association Concord, NH, 1893, p. 34.

## Joseph[7] (Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-85.** Joseph and his twin John were born 27 August 1808. Joseph and Betsey Jane Demeritt of Northwood, New Hampshire, were married 11 Apr 1844 by George W. Ashby of Northwood. Betsey Jane was Joseph's cousin, a daughter of his father's sister, Martha, who married Paul Demeritt.(1)

The Newton, Massachusetts, City Clerk wrote, " . . . John and Joseph . . . registered as voters here in the year 1844 . . . ."(2) They also bought a sixty-four-acre farm there which they farmed together until their deaths. Old city directories show John lived with Joseph and Betsey.

Joseph died in Newton 4 January 1885 and is buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in the Brighton District.(3)

*Joseph's child:*

**8-193** i Samuel[8], b. 10 Oct 1857.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records; *History of Durham,* Vol. II, pp. 118, 119.
2. A letter from the Newton, MA City Clerk, 17 Mar 1921.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records, Newton 1885, Vol. 365, p. 167; Middlesex Co., MA, Probate Records, Cambridge 1885, Docket #18608.

**Andrew K.[7] (Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-86.** Andrew K. was born 29 June 1811. He married Betsey J. Knowlton of Deerfield, New Hampshire 21 June 1837, the daughter of James and Sally (Demeritt) Knowlton. Betsey was born 23 April 1816 in Northwood, New Hampshire.(1) Andrew K. was a farmer who probably lived his entire life in Deerfield.(2)

Andrew K. died of Bright's Disease 20 January 1887.(3) His will was as follows:(4) To his beloved wife Betsey J. Woodman he gave his household furniture and a maintenance out of his property during her natural life and the use of a horse and carriage whenever she might want them.

To his son Ira H. Woodman the sum of $25.00 to be paid in four years after his decease.

To his son Sam S. Woodman the sum of $10.00 to be paid four years after his decease.

He gave his grandson Alle De Forrest (sic) Woodman the sum of $25.00 to be paid to him when he arrived at the age of twenty-one years.

To his son James K. Woodman he left all the rest of his estate and appointed him the sole executor.

Betsey J. died 15 May 1900 in Deerfield. She is said to have died of heart failure. In her will she(5) gave all of her real estate to her son James K. and his wife Annie T.; Betsey's grandson Charles W. was to receive the real estate following the death of James K. and Annie T.; Betsey's grandson Almond D. was to be given $5.00 and one bed and bedding and her son Ira H. was to receive $5.00.

It isn't clear why Betsey's estate was not probated until twenty-two years after her death. On 14 November 1922 Walter E. Locke was appointed administrator.

*Andrew K.'s children:*

**8-194** i James K.[8], b. 6 Sep 1840.

**8-195** ii Ira H.[8], b. 17 Apr probably 1841.

**8-196** iii John J.[8], b. 1852.

iv Sam S.[8], was mentioned in his father Andrew K.'s will which was made 7 March 1885. Sam was to receive, "ten dollars to be paid in four years after my decease."

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #5317.
5. Ibid., Docket #21001.

**Nancy[7] (Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-87.** Nancy, born 19 July 1814; married Jonathan Knowlton Hoitt. He was born 19 July 1809, the son of Daniel Hoitt of Northwood, New Hampshire. Jonathan K. held many public offices.(1)

*Nancy's child (named Hoitt):*

i Martin W.[8] graduated from Dartmouth in 1872. For a few years he was a principal of Pembroke Academy.

Note:
1. *History of Nottingham, Deerfield, Northwood, NH,* p. 713.

**David Bartlett[7] (Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-88.** David Bartlett was born on New Year's Day 1809 in Deerfield, New Hampshire. He accompanied his parents to Alexandria, New Hampshire, and there on 28 November 1838 he married Jane

Abbott Patten. Jane was born 3 September 1815, the daughter of John and Jane (Abbott) Patten. David B. farmed in Alexandria until he moved back down to Deerfield in 1868.(1) David Bartlett was mentioned in the wills of his Aunts, Susan[6] and Sarah[6] and his Uncle Lewis[6].(2)

David B. died 17 November 1885 at Deerfield and Jane died 17 February 1893.(3) In her will Jane left her daughters Sarah J. Smith, Lydia B. Austin, and Laura P. Downing $1.00, to be paid within one year of her death. For her sons, Lewis and Edward A. she did the same. All of her remaining estate she left to her daughter Susan C. White, whom she appointed executrix of her estate.

*David B.'s children(4) – all named in mother's will:*

**8-197** i Sarah Jane[8], b. 3 Oct 1839.
**8-198** ii Laura Patten[8], b. 28 May 1842, a twin.
**8-199** iii Lydia B.[8], b. 28 May 1842 a twin.
iv George[8], b. 23 Feb 1844; d. at the age of five months.
**8-200** v Lewis[8], b. 4 Apr 1845; the 1860 U.S. Census lists his name as "Levi."
**8-201** vi Edward A.[8], b. 23 Aug 1848.
**8-202** vii Susan C.[8], b. 9 Apr 1854.

Notes:

1. An undated biography sheet sent by David B.'s son Lewis; letter from daughter Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH, April 1921; 1840, 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
2. Rockingham Co., NH, Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Dockets #1779 and #18727 and Sullivan County, NH Probate Records, Newport, NH, 1878, probate papers of Lewis(6) Woodman.
3. Rockingham County, NH Probate Records, Exeter, NH Dockets #4857 and #7533.
4. Biography sheet from Lewis; 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census; Rockingham County, Probate Docket #7533.

## Peter Ordway[7] (Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-89.** Peter Ordway was born 21 March 1812.(1) He started dealing in land in Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1839 and married Rebecca M. (or B.) Langley 10 December of that year. Rebecca, who was born about 1814,(2) died 21 December 1853 in Manchester and Peter O. married Mrs. Susanna M. Taylor Goodhue of Deerfield, New Hampshire, 30 January 1855. Susan was born 27 December 1827 in Paris, Tennessee, the daughter of Wm. H. and Susan Scott (Robinson) Taylor.(3)

Through the years Peter O. bought and sold many pieces of land and was what we would now probably call a "land developer." Old Manchester land descriptions refer to the "Peter O. Woodman Plan." He spent most of his life in Manchester but he may have gone back to Deerfield for a time in the 1860's(4). Peter O. died 23 March 1899 in Manchester. A portion of his obituary follows:

> Peter Woodman was a farmer, contractor, builder, and as the town records say, 'speculator.' A greater part of the city of Manchester lying south of Massabeisic St. and above Jewett St., was part of his farm. He moved from Deerfield to Manchester at the time of his first marriage, where for a number of years he owned and operated a sawmill. As a lumber dealer and contractor of buildings he took a large and active part in building up the city, beginning long before it assumed the name of a city. He was apprenticed as a cabinet maker when young and later learned the skills of carpentry and draughtsman; he became an expert in all three trades.
>
> He was an original Republican and was prominent in the party for many years. He was a man of splendid qualities of heart and mind, who won the respect of everyone who came in contact with him. Peter Ordway was identified with every movement calculated to advance the best interests of the city and its people. He was a member of the Franklin Street Congregational Church, Masonic fraternity, and the Old Residents Association.

In 1900 Susan was living with her daughter Sarah B. on Massabeisic Ave.(5) Susan lived to be eighty-eight, dying 19 March 1916.(6) Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "it is family tradition that Peter Ordway owned the musket which once belonged to Captain John[2] and that at his death he gave it to his daughter Susan."

*Peter and Rebecca's children:*(7)

**8-203** i John Langley[8], b. 29 May 1842.

ii Rebecca Helen[8], b. 13 Nov 1847; m. an engineer named Charles N. Woodward on 4 Jul 1873. At one time they lived on Wayside Ave., Chicopee, MA.

iii Sarah Bartlett[8], b. 19 Jul 1850; m. John F. Sanderson 17 Feb 1898. In 1900 they lived at 471 Massabeisic St., Manchester. Sarah inherited from her half sister Susan G.(8)

*Peter and Susan's children:*

iv Susan Goodhue[8], born 4 Jul 1856 at Deerfield, NH. Susan was a never-married schoolteacher living in Manchester. She is said to have gotten Capt. John's musket. Old notes say she furnished information about the family. In 1900 she was living with her sister Sarah Bartlett Sanderson. Susan G. died 8 Oct 1924, leaving her estate to her "half sister" Sarah Bartlett Sanderson.(9)

v Stella Frarilla[8], b. 3 Sep 1858 (family records say 12 Oct 1857). She m. Herbert S. Hosmer 23 Jan 1883. Herbert was a bookkeeper in Springfield, MA. At one time they lived at 118 Walnut St.

vi Emma Florence[8], b. 4 or 5 Apr 1860; d. 4 Jun 1885. Never married.

vii Annettie Constance[8], b. 5 Oct 1861. She m. John Porter 5 Sep 1893 and d. less than three years later on 6 Feb 1896 at Manchester.

**8-204** viii William Taylor[8], b. 15 Sep 1863.

ix Martha Alice[8], b. 10 Oct 1866; d. 13 May 1878 of diphtheria (town record says 1879).

Notes:
1. Family record.
2. 1850 U.S. Census.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. 1840, 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
5. 1900 U.S. Census.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. 1850 U.S. Census; L. D. S. Records; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
8. 1900 U.S. Census; Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records Docket #39198.
9. 1900 U.S. Census; New Hampshire Vital Records; Hillsborough Co. Probate Records, Docket #39198.

## Samuel[7] (Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-90.** Samuel was born 11 or 16 June 1818, surely in Deerfield, New Hampshire,(1) and as a young boy accompanied his father to Wilmot, New Hampshire, and then north to Alexandria, New Hampshire, up in Grafton County. In 1848 he married Rebecca J. Bachelter who was born 5 January 1829 in New Hampshire.(2)

In 1850 Samuel (called Samuel 3rd) and Rebecca were living in Deerfield where his occupation was listed as a shoemaker.(3) In 1866 they moved to Clayton County, Iowa, where they lived until moving to Webster County, Iowa in 1870.(4) Samuel was mentioned in the will of his Aunt Sarah[6] back in New Hampshire in 1875.(5)

Samuel died in Webster County and he is buried in the Otho, Iowa Cemetery. The death date on his tombstone is 23 June 1876.

An undated biography sheet sent to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. by Lewis[8] (Samuel's

nephew) contained the following; "Samuel Woodman Died at Otho Iowa four years ago. His widow and youngest son were living at Otho Webster County Iowa . . . ." The only other information it contained was that Samuel was a stone mason and a Republican.

Rebecca married her second husband Warren J. Hale 23 November 1877.(6) In 1907 Rebecca moved to Neosho, Missouri, and died there 10 March 1910. She is buried in Otho Cemetery with Samuel. A memorial tribute included the following: "She has been a faithful wife, a kind and dutiful mother who sought to the best of her ability to minister to the needs and comforts of her family . . . [she] is numbered with the great host of blood-washed and redeemed children of the King Eternal and entitled an inheritance undefiled and that shall never fade away."(7)

Rebecca's obituary said she had nine children, seven of whom were dead by the time she died. The undated biography continued, "He [Samuel] had a number of children. they are all dead but two. Abram lives with his mother at Otho. The other Son is in Missouri. Don't know where. Abram and Albert are living."

*Samuel's children:*(8)

i Abram L.[8], living in Missouri in 1910. Perhaps near Halfway or Buffalo.

ii Albert H.[8], living in Missouri in 1910. In the Otho Cemetery is buried an infant daughter of A. H. and M. R. Woodman who died 4 Apr 1884, nine days.

*The following may also be Samuel's children:*(9)

iii Sarah A., b. 13 August 1856; d. 17 Mar 1870.

iv Edward B., b. 25 Mar 1861; d. 11 Sep 1879.

v Ellen F., b. 22 May 1867; d. 26 Apr 1871.

Notes:

1. Family record; tombstone inscription.
2. Rebecca's obituary, *Fort Dodge Messenger*: 16 Mar 1910; tombstone inscription.
3. 1850 U.S. Census.
4. Rebecca's obituary.
5. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Exeter, NH Docket #1779.
6. Webster Co., IA Records.
7. Obituary.
8. Ibid.
9. Otho, IA Cemetery gravestones.

### Abigail B.[7] (Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-91.** Abigail B. was born 18 June 1826 or 1829. On 28 December 1847, Abigail, said to be from Bedford, New Hampshire, filed marriage intentions with Jason Watkins Morrill.(1) Jason died 10 September 1853.

She was married to a second husband Edwin Scribner(2) by the time she inherited money from her Aunt Susan[6] in 1862.(3) When Abigail's Aunt Sarah made her will in 1869 Abigail was living in Salisbury, New Hampshire, Merrimack County.(4)

Abigail inherited her brother Jonathan's homestead farm in Deerfield, New Hampshire, in 1872(5) and she was listed as an heir of her Uncle Lewis'[6] estate in 1879.(6)

*Abigail and Jason's child (named Morrill):*

i Edward[8].

*Abigail and Edwin's child (named Scribner):*

ii Mary[8] m. George Goodhue who was a son of Abigails' brother, Peter Ordway's(7) second wife. Lewis wrote, "They live some where in Oklahoma."

A Harriet Morrill is mentioned in the will of Lewis.[6] She was perhaps, a wife or daughter of Edward Morrill because Lewis[8] thought Abigail had only two children.

Notes:
1. L.D.S. Records; Lowell, MA Vital Records.
2. Sarah[6] will, Rockingham Co. Probate Records Docket #1779.
3. Rockingham Co. Probate, Docket #18727.
4. Rockingham Probate #1779.
5. Ibid., Docket #888.
6. Sullivan Co., NH Probate Records 1878.
7. An undated biography (probably 1910) sheet from Lewis[8] Woodman, Archer, IA.

### Frances S.[7] (Fanny) (George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-92.** Fanny S. was born 16 November 1812 in Tamworth, New Hampshire, and her real name was Frances S.(1) She married William P. Woodman 5 February 1839.(2) Elijah F. Woodman, Jr. thought William P. was her first cousin, the son of Charles[6] (David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]).

In 1871 Fannie, who had never learned to write, applied for a military pension based on her dead son, Larkin's service in the Civil War. She deposed, "I have always resided in Tamworth. I have not been in possession of any property, real or personal excepting a little household furniture since my marriage, but have been dependent upon my labor from day to day for support and am now so dependent.

"My husband is sixty years old," she continued. "His health is very poor and has been for more than ten years. His occupation is farming. His earnings is and always have been very small and has no capacity for doing business at all. His ambition is very limited. He has always since our Marriage been of Consumtive [sic] habits and no energy . . . He never paid out much rent for I have always lived in such poor houses that there was not much rent to pay excepting one year of twenty dollars to Nathaniel Webster."

A neighbor wrote, "Their son Larkin and the father Wm. P. lived near neighbors to me . . . and they used to work for me, and the father used to take all their pay in provisions, excepting one time I let them have a cow for beef. They worked for me somewhere between the year 1855 and 1860. William P. Woodman is a poor shiftless man with a mental capacity very small."

Another neighbor testified that he was well acquainted with Fanny and her husband William P. "I know that her said husband is an old man of no trade or profession and not of sufficient faculty of supporting his wife and that the said husband's health is very poor and has been for many years and that his wife would have suffered for the common necessaries of life had it not been for the help she received from her son Larkin E."(3)

Neither William P.'s birth date or death date is known, but by Christmas day 1876 he was dead and Fanny asked the court to appoint an administrator to handle William's affairs. On 22 August 1885, Fanny deposed that his birth record was not in the town records and asked that the evidence of Dr. Bassett and others be accepted. They said Woodman was born in 1815. The court ordered an inventory of his possessions.(4)

1 pr Steers
6 Hens
1 Cow
12 Bushels Potatoes
1 Light Stand
1 Brass Kettle
1 Tub
1 Yoke, 50, 1 do. 34
1 Axe, 50, 6 Chains
1 Iron Bar, 50,
1 Stove
1 Spinning Wheel
1 Sap Holder
2 Pails
Coopers Tools in Chest

2200 lbs. Hay @ 9.
2600 lbs. Hay @ 4.
Straw in Spauldings barn 2.00
10 Bushels Turnips
30 lbs. Dryed Apples
3/4 Bushels Beans
5 Forks
1 Grind Stone
6 Comforters
1 Drag 50
2 Hoes, 50
2 Sap Pans
1 pr. Compasses
2 pr pincers

1200 lbs. Hay @ 10.
1400 lbs. Hay @ 3.
Crockery Ware
3 Bedsteads
1 pr. Flat Irons
Tin Ware
10 Chairs
3 Under Beds
1 Feather Bed
1 Wheel Barrow
1 Harrow 1.00
1 Auger 75, 1 do 50
1 Auger 17,
1 Sap Hauler

3 Calves
4 Bbls. Cider
1 pr. Pillows
50 lbs. Pork
1/2 Bbl. Flour
1 Keeter [sic]
2 Feather Beds
3 prs Sheets
1 Bureau
1 Plough
1 Scythe & Sneath
25 Buckets
1 wrench 50
1 Shave Horse

Ten years later on 16 February 1886, Fanny was declared insane by the overseers of the poor and the court ordered an inventory of her estate; David Morrill was appointed her guardian. The appraisers found that Fanny had $1446.49 on hand and $500.00 in savings.(5)

There is no record of Fanny's death, but 6 October 1891 Fanny's daughter, Mary A. Ames, petitioned the court to appoint David Morrill as administrator of her deceased mother's estate. In November 1891, two of Fanny's children, Maggie A. Glidden and Henry W. Woodman, asked the probate court to revoke the appointment of David Morrill.

For the first time, the court realized that David Morrill had failed to file an account of his guardianship of Fanny's affairs during her last years.

Mr. Morrill's counsel told the court that at least two of Fanny's children "were wanting in mental capacity and would not be deemed capable of managing their own affairs." Another administrator was found and 6 June 1893, the affair was settled. Each of Fanny's heirs received $252.90-2/3.(6)

*Fanny and William P.'s children:*(7)

On almost every document used to record Fanny and her children the ages differ somewhat. Often, the name is slightly changed.

i Rebecca[8], was b. about 1839. In 1850 Rebecca, said to be twelve, lived with her family. By 1860 Rebecca was called a "domestic" and lived with the John M. Stevenson family in Tamworth. In 1871 Fanny testified that, "Rebecca, my oldest daughter who is living in a family somewhere out West by name of Stevenson. She has lived with them for fifteen years and has no wages, aged 35 years." Rebecca was not listed as her mother's heir; she might have lost total contact with the family by 1893.(8)

ii Larkin E.[8], was b. about 1841. Fanny deposed, "He began to work out when he was about 12 years old and we appropriated his earning for our support as fast as he earned anything and we continued to receive his earning up to the time of his enlistment [in the Civil War]. I used to take his earnings for my support myself. While in the service he sent me ten dollars at one time, Five dollars another time. Three dollars at another time. One time when at home on a furlough he gave me about twelve dollars. After his death we got a bounty of $100.00. At the time of his enlistment he enjoyed perfect health."

Various neighbors made depositions, affirming Larkin's industry and his kindness to his parents. Said one, "I used to pay his father in something for the support of the family generally. One time I let the boy have some cloth for a pair of pants."

Larkin and his family must have been anxious when he enlisted in the Civil War. How would they survive without his financial support? John Mason, a neighbor and fellow soldier, said that he was present when Larkin enlisted and heard him tell his father he would help them and come home to take care of them if he got through alive.

Larkin and Mason became privates in Co. D, 6th Regt., New Hampshire Volunteers. Joseph Gilman, Town Clerk and recruiting officer of Tamworth, told what happened next: "Larkin E. came home while he was in the service on a furlough, as I supposed on account of disability. He over-stayed his furlough. But after President Lincoln's Proclamation, I and a Mr. Stevenson induced him to return. But before he reported to his regiment, and while on the way, he was taken sick at Louisville, KY, and died, October 1863."

So poor Larkin, torn between a responsibility to his family and to his country, was dead at twenty-three. A twenty-three-year-old boy who had supported his family for eleven years. But he was able to achieve in death what he could not do in life. Because of his death, his mother received a military pension of $12.00 per month until her death in 1890.(9)

iii William Henry[8], b. somewhere around 1843-1846 in Sandwich, NH. In some records

he is called "Henry." He seems mostly to have lived at home. In 1871, Fanny deposed, "William H., aged 27 years lived at home and is not physically or mentally capable of self support."(10)

On 13 November 1880 William Henry bought an acre of land in Tamworth for $125.00.(11) By 1892, with his mother dead, the court declared William H. insane and appointed John W. Johnson as guardian, and a committee to inventory William H.'s worldly goods. By September 1893 the committee found he had stock in bank $200.00, a bond of Sandwich, NH, town $100.00 and a note for $140.00. By 2 June 1896 Johnson resigned as guardian and Edwin D. Henderson was appointed. In 1900 Henry lived with Edwin D. Henderson.(12)

Henry died in Tamworth 17 January 1915. His death record called him seventy years old.(13) William Henry's heirs were listed by the court on 8 Nov 1916:

| | |
|---|---|
| John Ames, nephew, child of decd. sister | S. Tamworth, NH |
| Elizabeth Johnson, niece, decd. | S. Tamworth, NH |
| Edward Gardner, nephew | Ossipee, NH |
| Almon Gardner, nephew | Wolfeboro, NH |
| Wm. Glidden, nephew | Moultonboro, NH |
| Annie Glidden, niece | Unknown |
| Louis Glidden, nephew | Unknown |
| Herman Glidden, nephew | Wolfeboro Falls, NH |
| Harry Glidden, nephew | Nashua, NH |
| Nelson Glidden, nephew | Barre, VT |

After William H.'s estate was settled, there was a total of $122.83 to be distributed. John Ames received $61.42; the heirs of Elizabeth Johnson received $6.83. Edwards and Almond Gardner got $6.83 each, while the five Glidden children received $6.82 each.(14)

**8-205** iv Margaret Ann[8], b. 13 Oct 1849.

**8-206** v Angeline Ester[8], b. 1847 or 29 Mar 1851.

vi Alfred[8], was three months old, living in Fanny S.'s household when the 1850 U.S. Census was taken in Tamworth. He may have died for I found nothing more about him.

Notes:

1. Letter from Edward E. Woodman to Edgar H. Woodman of Concord, NH, Danvers, MA, 19 Mar 1887.
2. Tamworth, NH, Vital Records, Vol. 1, Book A.
3. Larkin E.'s Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
4. Carroll Co., NH, Probate Records, Ossipee, NH, Docket #5782.
5. Ibid., Docket #5780.
6. Ibid., Docket #5779.
7. 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 U.S. Census Records of Tamworth.
8. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census; Larkin E.'s Military Records.
9. Larkin E.'s Military Record; 1850, 1860 U.S. Census.
10. 1850, 1870, 1880 U.S. Census; Larkin E.'s Military Record.
11. Carroll Co. Reg. of Deeds, Ossipee, NH, 76:28.
12. Carroll Co. Probate Records, Dockets #5778, #5781; 1900 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH.
13. New Hampshire Vital Records, Death Record.
14. Carroll Co. Probate Records, Docket #8463.

## Wyatt Boyden[7] (George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-93.** Wyatt Boyden was born in Tamworth, New Hampshire, 15 January 1818. Edward E. Woodman wrote, "My father left Tamworth at about 18 years of age – came to Lynn, Massachusetts, then to Salem, Massachusetts then to this place [Danvers, Massachusetts]."(1)

On 23 January 1845, at the age of twenty-seven, Wyatt, who was called a "peg-maker" filed

marriage intentions with Sarah E. Tapley in Danvers. Nineteen at the time, she was the daughter of Perley and Sally Tapley. Little more than three years later young Sarah died of consumption on 6 March 1848. They had no children.(2)

On 11 April 1850 Wyatt married Harriet Rice Eastman. She, born 28 January 1818 in Amherst, New Hampshire, was the daughter of Deacon Cyrus Eastman who was born in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the son of Captain John Eastman of East Concord, New Hampshire.(3)

Wyatt died in Danvers 2 October 1885; his death record called him a shoecutter.(4) Harriet lived to be ninety-three, dying 7 October 1911. In 1910 she lived with her sons at 83 Holton Street and probably had done so for years because none of her children ever married.(5)

*Wyatt B.'s children – all born in Danvers:*

i Edward Eastman[8], b. 12 Oct 1851. In 1874 he graduated from the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst where he was trained in the floral business. He first engaged in the greenhouse business with Mr. Peter Henderson of New York, but after three or four years he started a similar business in Tapleyville, Massachusetts, with his brother Charles Wallace, which continued to his death on 20 November 1912.(6) It is this Edward E. who wrote the 1887 and 1910 letters.

ii Charles Wallace[8], b. 5 Oct 1854, d. in Salem Hospital, Salem, MA, 12 Apr 1920.(7)

iii Elizabeth Cushing[8], b. 20 Feb 1856, was a schoolteacher who never married. She survived the last living member of her family by twenty-three years, dying 27 Aug 1943 in the old place at 83 Holton Street.(8)

iv Mary Louise[8], b. 29 Dec 1857; d. 13 Jul 1858.(9)

All of the family are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Danvers.

Notes:
1. Letters from Edward E. Woodman, Danvers, MA, 19 Mar 1887 and 26 Jan 1910.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records 2-323; Vital Records 12-79; Vital Records Death 1847/8, 32:83.
3. Old letters.
4. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, 364:191.
5. 1910 U.S. Census; Massachusetts Vital Records Death 1911, 33:342.
6. Old letter; Massachusetts Vital Records Death 1912, 33:291.
7. Ibid., Massachusetts Vital Records, Danvers 1920, 38:106.
8. Ibid., 1943, 39:171.
9. Ibid., 120:115.

### Joseph B.[7] (George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-94.** Joseph B. (the "B" probably stands for Brewster) was born 13 October 1821 in Tamworth, New Hampshire. He and Mary Elizabeth Ridley were married 19 March 1851 in Wenham, Massachusetts, by the Reverend Jeremiah Taylor of that city. Mary E. was born 8 March 1833 in Sanford, Maine, the daughter of Joseph and Phebe (Getchell) Ridley.(1)

This may have been the Joseph, a shoemaker, who lived in Wenham, Massachusetts, in the household of Frances Merrill in 1850.(2)

On 18 September 1862, Joseph B. enrolled in the Civil War as a private in Company B, 8th Regiment, of the Massachusetts Infantry. Although he seemed healthy at the time of his enlistment, he was discharged on 7 August 1863. He claimed his health was ruined when he contracted rheumatic symptoms which affected his heart. Friends testified in 1884 that Joseph had been able to perform only light labor since his discharge from the service.

By 8 September 1903, age eighty-two, Joseph B., living in Wenham, Massachusetts, applied for an increase of the $30.00 per month pension he had been receiving. His health had worsened and by 1900 a Mr. and Mrs. Moulton were caring for him. He was a very heavy man, they said,

and his legs failed to support him; that he was entirely helpless and often fell from his chair or the bed. That his water leaked and he lacked control of his bowels. In less than two months Joseph B. was dead. He died 28 October 1903 and was buried there in Wenham.(3)

Mary had been living alone since at least 1900.(4) Following Joseph's death, she applied for and received a widow's pension from his military service. She died of pneumonia 13 May 1910.(5)

*Joseph B.'s children:*(6)

**8-207** i Milton Allen[8], b. 5 Feb 1853.

ii Addie F.[8](?). The 1870 U.S. Census shows an Addie F., but does not mention her family relationship.

iii Charles Everett[8](?), b. 27 Nov 1857 in Hamilton, MA.(7)

iv John H.[8], b. 29 Aug 1860. He is listed in his father's military pension record. He perhaps m. "Florence C." The 1900 U.S. Census listed "John H. Woodman, b. Aug 1862, age 37, b. MA, living in the household of Edward Commer of Brookline, MA, son-in-law." But it isn't known if this was a son of Joseph B.[7]

Notes:

1. Massachusetts Vital records, State Archives, Boston, 54:229; 1910, 105:477; Joseph's Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
2. 1850 U.S. Census.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records, 55:304.
4. 1900 U.S. Census.
5. Massachusetts Vital Records, 1910, 105:477.
6. 1870 U.S. Census, Hamilton, MA; Military Record.
7. Massachusetts Vital Records, 105:247.

## John LaPlatt[7] (George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-95.** Edward Eastman Woodman wrote that John LaPlatt died in Stockton, California, in 1885. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought John L. learned bookbinding in Boston, Massachusetts and married Elizabeth Lambert Baxter who died in 1879. He is said to have gone to California in 1857 and settled in the San Joaquin Valley.(1)

*John L.'s child:*

i Everett I.[8], b. 28 Oct 1856 in Malden, MA.(2) Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought Everett I. was the publisher of *The Wednesday Press* at Sacramento. There is an undated, unnamed newspaper clipping announcing the wedding of Anna, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Everett I. to Walter Bates who was the son of Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Bates. Anna's sister, Evelyn, was a bridesmaid. Anna and Walter were to make their home in Benicia, MA. Anna, the clipping said, had many friends in Sacramento.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought John LaPlatt might also have had a son, Fred Lambert.

Notes:

1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; A letter from Edward Eastman Woodman of Danvers, MA to Edgar Horace Woodman of Concord, NH, 19 Mar 1887.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, 97:175.

## George Hodgdon[7] (John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-96.** George Hodgdon was born about 1822.(1) On 3 November 1844 he and Hannah Eastman of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, were married by Jesse Boyden.(2) Hannah was born around 1821.

It is a family tradition that George H. went to the California gold fields in 1849. When the news that gold had been found in California reached New England, a group of men from that area

formed the Suffolk and California Mutual Trading and Mining Association. They sailed from Boston bound for San Francisco on *New Jersey* on 1 May 1849. Sailing around Cape Horn, the ship reached San Francisco 11 October. On the list of New Hampshire men is: "George Woodman, contractor, 27, Tamworth," which probably refers to our George H.(3) His quest for gold must have come to little for he was back in Tamworth by the time the census was taken in 1850.

But California must have kept calling, for George is said to have gone to Blocksburg, California where he became a wealthy rancher and where he had a mountain peak named for him. He also is said to have shot himself at Council Bluff, Iowa, about 1898 and that Hannah died near Blocksburg, California in March 1902.(4)

*George H.'s child:*(5)

**8-208** i Daniel Titcomb[8], b. Apr 1846.

Notes:
1. 1850 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH.
2. Tamworth Town Records, Vol. 1, Bk. A, p. 43, New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. *Kinship Chronicle,* Rockingham Co., NH, Chapter, P.O. Box 81, Exeter, NH, Vol. VIII, #1, Mar 1985.
4. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
5. 1850 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH; 1900 Soundex, U.S. Census, Van Dusen, Humboldt Co., CA (9:41: 3:57).

## Nathaniel Hubbard[7] (John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-97.** Nathaniel Hubbard was born 2 June 1823 in Chocorua, New Hampshire.(1) He married Mary Elizabeth Bennett 4 June 1848. She was born 9 September 1828.(2)

He was living in Tamworth, New Hampshire, when the U.S. Census was taken in 1850 and 1860, but he is said to have also lived in Wolfeboro and Moultonborough – both New Hampshire towns – at some time. In 1850 those records called him a farmer; in 1860 he was a bookkeeper.

Nathaniel H.'s grandson, Robert Garner Woodman wrote, " . . . he became a wine wholesaler, who left Tamworth to work for a wine wholesaler in Boston. Just before [the] outbreak of the Civil War, he bought an option on all bonded whiskeys in U.S. Government warehouses, and he exercised his option when Congress imposed higher taxes on whiskey to help finance the Union's prosecution against secession. He became a millionaire overnight."

Mary Elizabeth died 16 March 1864 and she is buried in Cleveland Hill Cemetery in Tamworth, New Hampshire.

On 26 June 1867, Nathaniel H. married his second wife who was Mary Emily Sage, of Williamstown, New York. Mary Emily was born 3 July 1845 at Verona, New York.

Robert Garner wrote:

> My father's mother's family, the Sages, reputedly landed in New Haven with Thomas Hooker, who is considered the founder of Hartford. With the Seymours, they migrated from the Connecticut Valley to upstate New York – Utica, Syracuse, Rome, etc.
>
> The Sages settled in Williamstown, New York, homesteaded a farm and opened a general store. I remember the general store and the grist mill they owned in Williamstown. They managed to be selected to the New York Legislature, and no doubt influenced the legislature to finance construction of a log road to Watertown, New York, from Syracuse. This encouraged homesteaders in the vicinity of Williamstown to clear their 160 acre farms, conveying the trees they felled to the new road then under construction. When other homesteaders needed money, the Sages, prospered not only from their general store and grist mill, but also from profits of their hotel, the Sage House. As so often occurs, when the farmers had to sell their farms at distress prices, or the farms were foreclosed, the Sages acquired additional acreage, and would rent or sell their new properties.(3)

It isn't clear when Nathaniel went to New York, but he was there before 1867, which year marked the birth year of his first child shown to be born in the state of New York. In 1880 he lived at 237 President (sic) Street in Brooklyn, Kings County. By 1900 they had moved to 154 Carroll Street.(4)

Though Nathaniel H. had made a million dollars, his grandson Robert Garner Woodman wrote, "He [Nathaniel H.] was not a good disciplinarian, for he did not insist that his sons by his first marriage . . . turn over to him the money collected from hotels and restaurants owed him for the wines, brandies, rums and whiskey he had delivered to them. Consequently, he was being supported by his sons by his second wife, my father and my uncle, when he died 4 July 1903."(5)

Nathaniel H. is buried in the Cleveland Hill Cemetery in Tamworth beside his first wife Mary E. (Bennett). Mary Emily (Sage) died 17 May 1915.(6)

Robert Garner Woodman wrote, "I never did have much information about my grandfather Nathaniel Hubbard Woodman's children, except that one son was George Oscar, and that he had one brother and six sisters. My father and Uncle Clarence did correspond with three of their half-sisters, who lived and died in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire."

*Nathaniel and Mary Elizabeth (Bennett)'s children – the first seven born in New Hampshire:*(7)

i Sarah Elizabeth[8], b. 9 Oct 1848; m. Frank S. Lee.

**8-209** ii George Oscar[8], b. 14 Mar 1850.

**8-210** iii Nathaniel H., Jr.[8], b. 15 Jul 1852 (a twin).

iv Frances Abbie[8], b. 15 Jul 1852 (a twin); m. John E. Fox.

v Alice May[8], b. 18 Jan 1855; m. Morris S. Allen.

vi Minnie G.[8], b. 24 Oct 1863 (a twin); m. Wilbur F. Holmes and Wm. H. Neil. I do not know in what order.

vii Mattie C.[8], b. 25 Oct 1863 (a twin); she d. 14 Aug 1883 and is buried in the Cleveland Hill Cemetery in Tamworth.

Robert Garner Woodman, grandson of Nathaniel Hubbard, wrote that his grandfather and Mary Elizabeth had eight children, but I've a record of only seven. He also said that three of his father's half sisters (children of Nathaniel Hubbard and Mary [Bennett] lived and died in Wolfeboro, NH).

*Nathaniel and Mary Emily (Sage)'s children:*

viii John Chauncey[8], b. in Brooklyn.

ix Cora Lucy[8], b. 14 Jul 1868 at Williamstown, NY. She was living with her parents in 1900. Cora's nephew Robert Garner Woodman wrote, "She [Cora] married late in life and never was congenial with my dad or his brother, Clarence."

**8-211** x Charles Ernest[8], b. 2 Aug 1877 at Williamstown.

xi Clarence Sage[8], b. 15 Sep 1879 in Brooklyn, NY. He was an attorney who m. Sadie Nelson. Robert Garner Woodman wrote:

> Clarence sold their home in Brooklyn when Sadie died and moved into a hotel in mid-Manhattan with another recent widower from his church. They dined together every weekday night at either Schrafts or Stouffers' restaurants. During Lent they instructed their waitresses to remove the stems from their maraschino cherries in their Manhattan cocktails. Such devout Presbyterians!
>
> Clarence met and married a widow, Mrs. Argentine Tone of Shelbyville, TN and moved there. She died before he did.

Clarence S. had no children.

xii Violet Estelle[8], b. 18 Apr 1886; d. 13 Jul 1886.

Notes:

1. A letter from Robert Garner Woodman, 1609 W. Brown St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4420, 16 Jan 1990.

2. Tamworth, NH Town Records, Vol. 1, Bk. A., New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Mary E.'s gravestone, Cleveland Hill Cemetery, Tamworth, NH.
3. A letter from Robert Garner Woodman, 16 Apr 1990.
4. 1880 and 1900 (65:61: 19:5) Brooklyn, NY, U.S. Census Soundex.
5. Robert Garner Woodman's letter.
6. A letter from Charles Ernest Woodman, 1610 50 St., Brooklyn, NY, 3 Apr 1916.
7. 1850 & 1860 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH; 1880 & 1900 U.S. Census Soundex, Brooklyn, NY; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; A letter from Robert Garner Woodman, 18 Jul 1990.

### John Edwin[7] (John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**7-98.** John Edwin was born 14 August 1840 in Tamworth, New Hampshire. In 1860 John E. was a teacher living with his parents.(1) A short time later, on 16 July 1861, at Fort Independence, he was enrolled as a private in Company A, 13th Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry. As happened to many soldiers in that war, John E. sickened in the camp soon after his arrival. By May of 1862 he was in a hospital and seems never to have sufficiently recovered to return to his company. He was discharged at Trinity Hospital in Washington, DC, 12 September 1862.(2)

John E. seems never to have recovered his health. He was treated for an "affection [sic] of the lungs" in September of 1863 in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Still ill, he returned to old Tamworth, spending the winter of 1864-65 there. A doctor there declared him totally disabled.

But in the spring, on 13 April 1865, John E., and an eighteen-year-old already-widowed Maria E. Oliver were married in New York City by Reverend W.W. Newell. Maria E. Barnes had first married Francis E. Oliver, who was born about 1839 in New Ipswich, New Hampshire; he was the son of George and Maria Oliver. Francis was a merchant in New Haven, Connecticut, when he died 7 September 1864 of "hemorrhage from the bowels."

Years later, in October of 1881, Dr. Martin made a deposition. "During the years of 1867, 68 and 69 . . . [I] was personally acquainted with John E . . . Said Woodman resided on a farm adjoining the village of Falmouth, Virginia . . . [and I] was called to attend said Woodman at different times during those years for an 'affection of the lungs' . . . [I] did not know of his doing any manual labor during those three years."

By January 1870, and perhaps before that, John E. was in Rome, New York, where for at least some of his life he was engaged in the manufacturing of cigars. By 1881 when he was applying for a soldier's pension due to poor health, old friends and acquaintances testified they had known John E. for many years and during that time John E. was unable to perform manual labor. John E. died 7 December 1912 at 110 Huntington Street in Rome. Doctors said he died of heart problems. In just a few days Maria E. applied for a widow's pension and received $12.00 a per month until she died of chronic nephritis on 8 August 1913. She is buried in the Rome Cemetery.

*John E.'s children:*(3)

i Edwin H.[8], b. 1 or 2 Apr 1867 in Fredericksburg, VA.

**8-212** ii Harry Nathaniel[8], b. 22 Aug 1871 in New Haven, CT.

iii Eva Belle[8], b. 20 Nov 1874 in Rome; she d. 16 Dec 1877.

iv Fred R.[8], b. 5 Jul 1880 (?) at Rome.

v Minnie B.[8], b. 16 Oct 1884 at Rome. She m. John Farrier 6 Dec 1907.

vi Hattie May[8], b. 2 Oct 1887 at Rome. She d. 2 Apr 1917 at Gouverneur, NY.

Notes:
1. 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH.
2. John E.'s Military Pension Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Military Record.

**James Monroe[7] (James M.[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-99.** In 1909 James Monroe wrote that he was a son of James March Woodman, that he was born 12 February 1824 at Sanbornton, New Hampshire.

With a religious bent since his early youth, James M. joined the church at age fifteen and the next year went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he attended high school and studied theology with the Reverend Jonathan Woodman. He went to the New Hampton, New Hampshire, Biblical School, and Whitestown Seminary in New York and completed his education with a medical degree from Boston.

He married Martha A. Burbank at Limerick, Maine, 3 August 1847. She was born in Newfield, Maine, 5 March 1824, the daughter of Reverend Samuel and Nancy (Drew) Burbank.(1)

After preaching for a short time in South Newfield and North Berwick, Maine, he moved West for his health about 1849. Martha died 22 August 1860 at Mt. Pleasant, Racine County, Wisconsin, where James M. was the Baptist minister.

On 5 June 1861 he married Marie Montagne (or Montague), a twenty-four-year-old school teacher who had been a boarder in their house before Martha died.(2) Marie was born 25 September 1846 at Hadley, Massachusetts, the daughter of Marcus and Lovena (Hibbard) Montagne. They were in California by 1862; in 1909 he was in San Leandro.

James Monroe described himself as 5 feet 8 inches tall, 175 pounds, and a Protestant. He wrote that he had been a Whig and later a Republican, that he had been pastor of Free Baptist and Congregational Churches. He called himself a clergyman, physician, author and teacher.

*James M. and Martha's children:*

i Mary Felice[8], b. 1850, d. 1854.
ii Charles Arthur[8], b. 1854 in WI, d. 1890.
iii Frank May[8], b. 1860 in WI, d. 1860.

*James M. and Marie's children – probably born in California:*

iv Fred Montagne[8], b. 1865; living in 1909.
v Lena Marie[8], b. 1867, d. 1869.
vi Rose Lovina[8], b. 1870; d. 1870.

Notes:

1. Biography form from Rev. James M. Woodman, San Leandro, CA, 1909; Burbank family records; Free Baptist Encyclopedia, Womens Temperance Publication Assn., Chicago, 1889.
2. 1860 Census, Mt. Pleasant, Racine Co., WI.

**Levi E.[7] (James M.[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**7-100.** Levi E. said that he was a native of Tamworth, Carroll County, New Hampshire, and he was born 28 July 1831. His parents were James and Elizabeth (Jackson) Woodman who were also of Tamworth. Levi E. said, "his paternal grandfather, David Woodman, came from England, prior to the Revolutionary War, first fought the Indians and afterward served all through the Revolutionary struggle and the War of 1812. He [David] died in 1831 at the advanced age of ninety-six years."(1)

Levi followed in his father's footsteps, learning the clothier trade, until he was eighteen. Then he served an apprenticeship in masonry and worked in Nashua, New Hampshire. By 1851 he was working in Georgia and South Carolina, returning to the north in 1853.

In 1857, in March, Levi joined a group in Boston that set out for Kansas. He is said to be the first "practical" stone mason in Manhattan, Kansas. There, on 14 (or 23) March 1859, he and Emily E. Hall were married by Reverend C.W. Blood in Pottawatomie County, Kansas. Emily was born April 1841 in Rhode Island, the daughter of Abraham J. and Mary A. Hall.

July 16, 1864, at the age of thirty-two, Levi enlisted in Company C 17th Regiment of Kansas Infantry for 100 days. He was mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, 25 July 1864. At the time he joined he was 5 feet 10 inches tall with blue eyes, light hair, and a fair complexion. He was mustered out at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, 15 November 1864. His biography notes that he was Aide-de-Camp to General Samuel M. Wood and that they looked after hostile Indians. Levi and Emily lived in Manhattan until 1883 when they bought ten acres in Manhattan Township.

July 15, 1888, while working as a brick mason on the Horticultural Building at the University in Lincoln, Nebraska, a derrick broke and Levi's leg was broken in three places. On 10 April 1891, Levi, calling himself a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, applied to the military for an invalid's pension. He testified he had contracted "LaGrip" January 12 of that year and it settled on his lungs; both he and his doctor felt he might have cancer.

Levi was a member of the Manhattan Lodge #17, I.O.O.F. and K. of H. Lodge #1470, and by March of 1892, his fellow members were writing the War Department that Levi was unable to work and that the lodge was giving him weekly payments for his support. He entered the National Military Home in Leavenworth, Kansas, 1 August 1901, where he died 24 February 1908.

Levi was a Republican and in 1878 he was a delegate to the state convention; he was a delegate to the congressional and county conventions a number of times.

Emily was living in Salt Lake City at 1125 Emerson Avenue by September of 1908, appealing for a widow's pension. By December of 1928, Emily was suffering from nephritis and required constant care until she died 30 July 1930. She was buried in Manhattan, Kansas.

*Levi E.'s children – probably born in Kansas:*(1)

i Mary Agnes[8], b. Apr 1860; m. George Wake, a real estate agent in Topeka, KS. In a deposition to the military in 1908, she was living at 1341 W. 37th Place, Los Angeles, CA; she called herself Agnes. She had one child, possibly more.

ii Louis H.[8], b. 23 Oct 1865; married; in 1930 he lived at 1522 Poyntz Ave in Manhattan, KS.

iii John H.[8], b. 15 Sep 1878.

iv Carrie[8], d. at eight months.

v Minnie[8], d. at two years.

Note:

1. All from *History of Riley Co., KS,* p. 698; Levi E.'s Military Pension Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC; 1880 U.S. Census.

# EIGHTH GENERATION

**Nicholas Pickering Furber[8] (Mary Woodman Furber[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-1.** Nicholas Pickering was born 14 January 1824; he married Caroline Welch of Eliot, Maine, on 4 November 1852. Nicholas P. died 29 January 1903.(1)

*Nicholas P.'s children (named Furber):*

i Ella Woodman[9], b. 13 May 1853, d. 22 Sep 1853.

**9-1** ii Emma Viena[9], b. 29 Jul 1854.

**9-2** iii Mary Effie[9], b. 2 Dec 1859 or 60.

**9-3** iv William Langdon[9], b. 21 Mar 1862.

**9-4** v Grace Alma[9], b. 17 Sep 1864.

vi Perlie Etta[9], b. 19 Apr 1870. She m. Wm. H. Foss of Eliot, ME, in 1894. In 1921 Perlie was a widow living in Portsmouth, NH. No children.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Effie Furber Griffiths, Durham, NH, 7 Jun and 8 Jul 1921; letter from Jackson Hoyt, Newington, NH, 29 May 1921.

**John Samuel Chesley[8] (Elizabeth Woodman Chesley[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-2.** John Samuel married Adaline Sanborn of Loudon, New Hampshire.(1)

*John S.'s children (named Chesley):*

i Stephen P.[9], b. 26 Jul 1862.

**9-5** ii James S.[9], b. 21 Mar 1864.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 73.

**Mary Abbie[8] (Charles Frederick[7], Nathan[6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-3.** Mary Abbie, born 14 September 1860, was six months old when her father died.(1) She and her mother lived in Captain John's garrison house with her grandfather Nathan until her Uncle John Smith asked them to leave in 1869.

Mary Abbie must have been a well-loved child. Her grandfather, Nathan, no doubt concerned for her future, left her $14,000.00 and her Uncle John Smith remembered her in his will.(2)

On 14 January 1884 Mary A. married Albert F. Knapp who was born in Norwich, Vermont, 1 June 1856.(3) She was living in Medford, Massachusetts, in 1898, when she was administratrix of her mother's estate, signing her name Mary W. Knapp.

It is likely she married a second time, for on 21 August 1967, her son Harold K. Leathers sent $500.00 to the town of Durham for upkeep of the old Woodman Cemetery. On 9 April 1971 the town received $400.00 for the cemetery from Harold's estate.(4)

Lucien Thompson, coauthor of *The History of Durham, NH*, Vol. I (born 3 June 1859) wrote, "I cannot remember the address of the descendant who has the family bible. She married a Knapp and still lives in Medford, Massachusetts. Her name was Mary Abbie Woodman and is the last of the name who was born on the Captain John Woodman Garrison Farm. I have a copy of the Woodman records taken from that old family bible."(5)

*Mary Abbie's child (named Knapp):*

i Harold Rudolph[9], b. 29 Jun 1892; d. about Apr 1971. He was likely adopted by his stepfather and was then Harold Rudolph Leathers.

Notes:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 396.
2. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #3109; #3504.
3. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 396.
4. A letter from Frederick C. Ober, Trustee of Trust Funds for the town of Durham, Durham, NH 03824, 18 Jul 1983.
5. A letter from Lucien Thompson, 1318 Marion St., Denver, CO, 29 Oct 1909.

## Daniel T.[8] (William[7-6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

8-4. Daniel T. was born 21 January 1845.(1) He probably always lived out on his father's farm in Durham, New Hampshire. Daniel T. was elected selectman for the town of Durham in 1873 and again in 1875.(2) In 1877 his father sold him one-half of his one hundred acres, and one-half of eighty acres for $1.00.(3)

He was single until the age of thirty-six when he and Cynthia J. Tasker of Northwood, New Hampshire, were married by the Reverend L. Malcolm of Manchester, New Hampshire, on 24 March 1881. She was the daughter of Ezra and Eunice Tasker. Sadly, Cynthia died 12 March 1882, surely from childbirth, thus leaving Daniel T. alone with a newborn child. On Cynthia's gravestone is carved, "Deceitful world, farewell to you/ In heaven may I appear/ I bid my friends a short adieu/ and hope to meet them there."

By 11 August 1883 the lonely Daniel T. married Sarah J. Colcord of Brentwood, New Hampshire, the widow of Ezra G. Colcord. They were married in Newmarket, New Hampshire, by a clergyman named H. Woodward. Sarah J. was born 20 October 1847, the daughter of John and Harriet (Noyes) Kimball.(4) Sarah had at least one child by her first marriage. He was Fred L. Colcord, born 15 April 1870; he died 8 February 1895.(5) Sarah had him buried in the Wiggins-Woodman cemetery on the old farm.

Daniel T. was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served once more as a selectman in 1895 before he died 23 October 1898. Daniel T.'s will left everything to Sarah J. for her life. Following her death, all would go to Daniel T.'s only son, William Ezra.(6)

The house where Sarah and Daniel T. lived has for many years been called the "Highland House." In earlier times, Durham and its pleasant surrounding area, was considered a mecca for summer tourists and enterprising home owners opened their homes to welcome them as paying guests. Col. Arioch Griffiths wrote, "[The Highland House] was fitted up at a great expense for summer boarders and for several years they had a large number there, but have not had any for the past two or three years." Sarah J. was one of the first three people in Durham to install electric lighting in her house on 20 February 1900.(7) In less than a month following Daniel T.'s death, Sarah's stepson, William Ezra, asked the court for a guardian and Sarah was alone.(8)

It isn't clear when Sarah J. left Durham, but in August of 1921 Sarah J. wrote, "You perhaps will wonder why I am in Exeter (NH). I have leased the farm for three years and I preferred to live by myself . . . ." A 1922 letter followed, "I feel very much alone in the world, for the Woodmans are scarce. William is living in Taunton, Mass., but never comes this way . . . Hoping you will not deem this an intrusion."

In January of 1923, Sarah J., now seventy-six years old, sent her last letter. "I am still in my usual good health in the cold country. It is snowing hard and there are several feet down now, so I see where Sarah stays in – very much against my wishes. I don't stop to count the years of my existence, enough to know that I am well and happy and try to make the best of my life if I am alone . . . write me a few lines and cheer the lonely cousin a little . . . Shall wait patiently to hear from you."(9)

Sarah lived to be eighty-eight, thirty-nine of those years as a widow. She died 21 January 1835. It was estimated she had $200.00 worth of personal property at the time of her death. In her

will she left an opal ring and pin, two diamond rings and her wearing apparel to Abbie S. Rowe of Brentwood, New Hampshire. To Pauline Philbrick of Newmarket she willed her gold watch and chain. Sarah appointed Fred B. Philbrick as executor of her affairs and left him her real estate and any residue she might have owned.(10) (In the 1900 Durham U.S. Census, Fred B. Philbrick was listed in Sarah's household as a servant, born 1876.) Sarah is buried in Durham in the Wiggins-Woodman graveyard.

*Daniel T. and Cynthia's child:*

**9-6** i William Ezra[9], b. probably 12 Mar 1882.

Notes:

1. Gravestone in Wiggins-Woodman Cemetery, Durham, NH.
2. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 368.
3. Strafford Co. Reg. of Deeds, 262:418.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. Gravestone.
6. Gravestone; *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 369; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #9371.
7. *History of Durham,* Vol. I, p. 309; 1900 U.S. Census; Letter from Col. Arioch Griffiths, Lock Box 33, Newmarket, NH, 1921.
8. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #9385.
9. Letters from Sarah J. 5 and 13 Aug 1921, 23 Mar 1922, 8 Jan 1923, 69 Main St., Exeter, NH.
10. Rockingham Co., NH, Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Docket #27065.

## Martha Esther[8] (William[7-6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-5.** Martha Esther was born 8 November 1859. She married John W. Durgin of Newmarket, New Hampshire, 8 April 1882. John died 22 February 1892 and Martha Esther followed 31 May 1895.

*Martha Esther's child (named Durgin):*(1)

**9-7** i Mary Abbie[9], b. 6 Dec 1883.

Note:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records; A letter from Mary Abbie Durgin Varney, 32 Lexington St., Dover, NH, 27 Aug 1921.

## Jennie[8] (George Smith[7], George Smith[6], Jonathan[5], John[4] Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-6.** Jennie was born in Dover, New Hampshire, 21 December 1858. She married Abner Kingman Pratt in Boston 9 September 1878. In 1921 her son George Woodman Pratt wrote, "My mother has a portrait of her father [George Smith]."(1)

Jennie was to receive $200.00 in her stepgrandmother (Elizabeth Remick Woodman's) will, $666.00 from Nathan Woodman's estate and Prof. John Smith left her $1000.00.(2)

She was living in 1921, probably in Boston, Massachusetts.

*Jennie's children (named Pratt):*(3)

i George Woodman[9], was born 31 May 1881. George married Helen Krogmann 24 Sep 1921 in the Congregational Church at Orleans, MA. She was the daughter of William Higgins Horton. George wrote, "It is rather interesting that I am going to the Crawford House in the White Mountains [on his honeymoon] where my grandfather and grandmother [George Smith and Maria (Chase) Woodman] went on their wedding trip in 1847."(4)

Susan Woodman wrote in 1921, "George Pratt's address is 15 Franklin St., Boston. He is with his father Abner Kingman Pratt in the Stationer's business." George and his bride, Helen, were going to live at 144 Gibbs St., Newton Centre, MA.

George wrote, "Apparently, I am the only one of the family who takes an interest in the old burial ground. Last summer my sister and I went to Durham and found a man who agreed to do the

work we wanted done, and we paid him for putting the lot in good condition . . . So long as I am living and solvent, I intend to see that the old burial ground is decently cared for." Later he wrote, "I went to Durham two weeks ago and looked over the Woodman lot there. The work that I ordered done last summer evidently was done, for I found the lot in better condition than I had ever seen it before and I paid the tenant farmer for cutting the grass again this year."(5)

ii Helen Kingman[9], b. 19 Jun 1884.
iii Esther Chase[9], b. 31 Jul 1894.

Notes:
1. A letter from George Woodman Pratt, 15 Franklin St., Boston, MA, 27 May 1921.
2. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #3306, #3109, #3504.
3. A letter from George Woodman Pratt, 129 Gibbs St., Newton Center, MA, 14 Sep 1921.
4. Ibid., and George Pratt's wedding invitation.
5. Letters from George Woodman Pratt, 27 May 1921 and 27 Jun 1921.

### John E. Thompson[8] (Sarah Woodman Thompson[7], Lemuel[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-7.** John Emerson, born 25 September 1815; married Mary J. Pickering 15 November 1848. Mary was born 10 August 1825, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lyford) Pickering.

John E., like his father, was deacon of the church from 1870 to 1892 and was a selectman of the town in 1862. He was remembered for having grown and planted many of the fine shade trees in the town.(1)

*John E.'s children (named Thompson):*

i Mary Lyford[9], b. 6 Sep 1849; A teacher; prominent in YWCA of Boston.
ii Charlotte Ann[9], b. 15 Mar 1851; A librarian of the College and Town Library of Durham.
iii Charles Hamilton[9], b. 25 Feb 1857; d. 12 Oct 1863.
iv Sarah Adla[9], b. 20 Nov 1860; m. 1 Jan 1887 to Forrest S. Smith.
v Elizabeth Pickering[9], b. 1 Oct 1864; m. Albert DeMerritt.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. I, pp. 303-304; Vol. II, pp. 368, 371.

### Charles J. Thompson[8] (Sarah Woodman Thompson[7], Lemuel[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-8.** Charles James was born 9 July 1827. He married Fidelia Clafflin 27 October 1852. Fidelia was born 31 January 1829. Fidelia died 9 January 1882 and Charles James died 5 February 1882. They lived in New York but both died in Durham.(1)

*Charles J.'s children (named Thompson):*

i Ida Frances[9], b. 28 Feb 1854.
ii John Clafflin[9], b. 7 Aug 1862.

Note:
1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 368.

### Hannah[8] (Alexander[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-9.** Hannah was born about 1839 at Thornton, New Hampshire. She married Henry Holt 11 December 1861. Henry died 23 December 1871 at the age of thirty-six and Hannah died 5 October 1876 at the age of thirty-six. They are buried at Haverhill, New Hampshire, in the Horsemeadow Cemetery.(1)

*Hannah's children (named Holt):*

**9-8** i Daniel Burton[9], b. 21 Oct 1864.

ii Ada Augusta[9], b. 5 Oct 1866; d. 31 May 1882 in Woodsville, NH.
iii Mary Louise[9], b. 3 Mar 1871. She m. William Ewin (sic) Lazell, M.D., 28 Sep 1893. She lived in Barre, VT.
**9-9** iv Henry[9], b. 10 Apr 1872.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Cemetery Records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; *Locke Family Genealogy*; 1850 U.S. Census.

## Augusta[8] (Alexander[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-10.** Augusta was born 11 June 1844 in Thornton, New Hampshire; she married Albert E. Snow 16 July 1873. She died 15 September 1884 in Plainfield, Vermont.(1)

*Augusta's child (named Snow):*

i Edith Glenn[9], b. 17 Jul 1884; m. Leon A. Downing 17 Jul 1905. Resided in Ayer, MA.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

## Miretta C.[8] (Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-11.** Miretta C. was born 22 May 1827 in Rumney, New Hampshire. She married Malanton (?) Ferry 10 October 1847. Miretta C. died in Warrenville, Illinois, 15 September 1861.(1)

*Miretta C.'s children – all born Naperville, Illinois (named Ferry):*

**9-10** i Delia[9], b. 18 Feb 1846.
**9-11** ii James Ira[9], b. 31 May 1848.
iii Viola Melinda[9], b. 10 Jun 1850; d. 18 Jan 1861, in Naperville.
iv George Sylvanus[9], b. 19 May 1852; d. 1 Oct 1867, in Naperville.
v Harriette Isabelle[9], b. 15 Oct 1853; d. 4 Apr 1854.
**9-12** vi Etta Adelle[9], b. 17 Oct 1861.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet and a letter from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM, 15 Nov 1921.

## George E.[8] (Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-12.** George E. was born 12 October 1828 in Rumney, New Hampshire. He married Laura Alona Thompson the day after Christmas in 1854. Laura A. was born 13 September 1834 in Ohio, the daughter of Samuel and Hannah Thompson. The Thompsons are said to have lost their second child at Southington, Ohio; another child died at Geneva, Ohio.

George E. was ten years old when his family moved to Warrenville, Illinois, in 1838. In 1850 George and his father went to California. His son, Frank George, wrote, "When he [George E.] first went to California he and his father went to mining for gold and mined for six months. And they did not have any luck. So father said he throughed [sic] his pick as far as he could and he said he would never use it again. Father said that he put up hay in California," Frank George continued, "and hauled it up to the mines and sold it for $150.00 a ton and he could get $50.00 a ton on the ground."

Frank George continued about his father, "then he bought ponys – two or three hundred head – and took them back to Illinois and sold them. He said he never had any trouble with the Indians, [but] the Indians scalped a boy in a train [wagon train] behind his." Freeman Woodman, George E.'s cousin, wrote that George, "crossed the plains seven times, back and forth with stock.

He made some money."

Frank George said George E. came to Iowa in the fall of 1868. "It was mostly prairie," Frank G. wrote. "Father bought the old homestead for $19.00 an acre and broke it out [he plowed up the virgin sod]. It is located in the North East corner of Polk County. A good six room house, 2 barns - one 40' x 50', 18 foot posts, and one 40' x 84'.

"He was a good farmer and a good trader," Frank G. wrote, "and strickly honest. His habits was good; he did not use tobacco in any form and no bad language. He was a Republican; he was not a Christian as mother was. He was 5 feet 4 inches, weighed 140 and light complexion."

George E. died 16 November 1886 at Maxwell, Iowa. "My father George E. Woodman," wrote Frank G., "crossed the plains 7 times with wagons – first time in 1850. He was a trader and great stockman and a prosperous farmer owning at his death a farm of 400 acres. He was 58 years old . . . cannot just tell you his trouble but had at last a congestive chill . . . My father is buried in Illinois near Elgin . . . he was buried in the New Hampshire Cemetery. Mother moved to California in 1890 and lived in Garden Grove. She died 21 June 1905 and was buried in Santa Ana."(1)

***George E. Woodman***

*George E.'s children:*

i Clarence Alonzo[9], b. 22 Sep 1856; d. 15 Feb 1861.

ii Emily Ardele[9], b. 17 Jan 1858; d. 8 Jan 1861.

**9-13** iii Frank George[9], b. 27 May 1860.

iv Charles Wilbur[9], b. 10 May 1867. Frank George wrote, "He lives in Maxwell, Iowa. He is not married and never was. He has good habits but is small. He owns 80 acres of land. Some of the old homestead. I wanted him to write you, but he would not."

**9-14** v Hannah Estelle[9], b. 2 May 1874.

Note:

1. Letters from Frank George Woodman, Maxwell, IA, 19 Mar and 6 Apr 1921; letter from Freeman Woodman, Toppenish, WA, 19 May 1921.

### Isaac Freeman[8] (Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-13.** Isaac Freeman (his wife called him Freeman) was born 20 January 1838 in Warrenville, Illinois. On 19 December 1859 in Aurora, Illinois, he married Lucy Catherine Hollister, who was born 19 October 1840 in Lenox, Massachusetts, to Lewis and Mary (Cooper) Hollister.(1)

Lucy C. wrote, "My father and mother was born in Massachusetts. My father was born in Lenox, Massachusetts, 20 September 1806 . . . Mary Cooper was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, 21 August 1812 . . . My father was the grandson of Captain Enos Stone of the Revolutionary War and I claim having good old stock in his family. My husband," Lucy continued, "lived at his

father's until he went to Iowa in the summer of 1863. He [Isaac F.] was a fearless rider and his father's right-hand man.

"We came to Butler County, Iowa in 1863, and lived on a farm near Aplington for several years . . . We had a perfect farm near the railroad. Aplington and Parkersburg were only three and five miles from our farm. He pressed and shipped baled hay for several years. Made more money than some farmers did . . . Only for my husband's sunstroke we would have been rich indeed in a few years. But he was unable to work on our farm for some two years after his sunstroke and let outsiders run his farm and he was very stubborn and hard to manage and would not do only as he wanted to and lost nearly all we had worked so hard for."

Freeman Woodman (who was Isaac F.'s cousin) wrote of Isaac F., "He had a sunstroke and could not help himself. He wandered off West and died. I never knew where. Don't think his own family did. Lucy Catherine said, "Freeman [Isaac Freeman] died in Butte, Nebraska, 7 April 1907 from injuries received from a runaway accident and was buried. He was living on a small farm in or near Butte."

"My father," Lucy C. continued, "lived in Illinois and was an able man and only for what he leaving me [sic] enough to make me a home and something left, I would not be as well off as I am today. Hollie lives with me. We are very contented and have a pleasant home."

"Lucy," wrote Freeman Woodman, "was queer and good-looking and smart . . . I think Lucy and the children became estranged from everything Woodman . . . Lucy and I was always friendly."

Lucy C. was eighty-one years old and living in Tama, Iowa, when she wrote her family history. "Hoping I have helped you a little in this work," she concluded. "I will say goodbye." Lucy died 27 December 1924 in Tama County, Iowa. She is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Tama Township, Tama.(2)

*Isaac Freeman's children:*

**9-15** i Malcolm Albon[9], b. 25 Sep 1864.

ii Hollie May[9], b. 26 Mar 1882 in Clarion, Wright Co., IA. She graduated from St. Mary's Parochial School in 1900. In 1921 she worked at the telephone office in Tama, and lived with her mother. She had never married.

Notes:

1. Letters from Lucy Catherine Woodman, Tama, IA, 1 and 13 Jul 1921; letter from Freeman Woodman Toppenish, WA, 8 Jun 1921.
2. Tama Co., IA Records.

### Mary M.[8] (Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-14.** Mary M. was born 20 January 1841. She married Elisha Warne 20 January 1862 and lived in Elburn, Illinois.

*Mary's children (named Warne):*

**9-16** i Oakley[9], b. 6 May 1864.

ii Lelia Mae[9], b. 16 Dec 1872; d. 10 Jan 1873.

iii Ernest E.[9], b. 4 Jul 1879. Lived in Elburn.

Note:

1. Lost notes.

### Betsey Jane[8] (Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-15.** Betsey Jane was born 30 April 1830. She married Martin Chamberlain. She died at Bath, New Hampshire, 12 February 1895.(1)

*Betsey's children (named Chamberlain):*

i Frank William[9].
ii Mary Jane[9].
iii Frank Martin[9].
iv Frederick Palmer[9].
v Florence Lillian[9].

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Emily Caroline[8] (Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-16.** Emily Caroline was born 8 August 1831. She married Aldon Edison Martin 24 November 1853 and died 20 August 1889 at Bath, New Hampshire.(1)

*Emily C.'s children (named Martin):*

**9-17** i George Woodman[9], b. 19 Mar 1855.
ii Alice Jane[9], b. 7 Apr 1857, d. 29 Oct 1865.
iii Harry Eugene[9], b. 6 Mar 1859, d. 1872.
**9-18** iv Charles Edwin[9], b. 19 May 1861.
**9-19** v William Alden[9], b. 23 Jan 1864.
**9-20** vi Nellie May[9], b. 2 Oct 1869.
vii Orrin Leroy[9], b. 22 Feb 1872. He m. Nellie May Lawrence 14 Nov 1901. He was a cabinetmaker in South Seattle, WA.

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Kimball Franklin[8] (Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-17.** Kimball Franklin was born 8 July 1833 or 1834 in Thornton, New Hampshire.(1) On 30 April 1887 he married Susan Hutchins who was born about 1839 in Benton, New Hampshire,(2) the daughter of Benjamin F. and Ellen B. (Grey) Hutchins of Newbury, Vermont, who were natives of Plattsburg, New York. Kimball F.'s bride was probably the daughter of his stepmother.

Susan died of pneumonia 10 December 1897 and Kimball F. married fifty-six-year-old Mrs. Lydia Burbank in Woodsville, New Hampshire, 18 October 1898.(3) Born in October 1842, she was the daughter of Daniel and Belinda (Jewell) Quimby. (The marriage license gave Lydia from Lisbon, New Hampshire, but Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought she came from North Sandwich, New Hampshire.)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote that Kimball F. received a fine education and taught penmanship, and that later he and his father were engaged in the woodworking business, making wagons and sleighs. In the 1860 U.S. Census, he is called a "yoke manufacturer."

Kimball Franklin's son, Franklin Kimball, wrote, "I expect you know that my father is dead. He died 23rd May 1913 (in Bath). My wife and I cared for him in our home for four years before he passed away. If he was alive he could give me a great deal of information." Kimball F. was buried in Bath, New Hampshire.(4)

*Kimball F.'s children:*(5)

**9-21** i Sarah Elizabeth[9], b. 28 Nov 1859.
**9-22** ii Franklin Kimball[9], b. 24 or 25 Aug 1863.
iii Chase Benjamin[9], b. 24 Jan 1869(6) (he may sometimes have called himself "Charles"). He married Marcia O., the daughter of Luther and Jennie Cross of Monroe, NH. It is said she died

19 Oct 1893 of suicide when she was about twenty years old.(7) Chase married again on 9 Jun 1897 in Newbury, VT, to Cora B. Cameron of Canada. She was an eighteen-year-old housekeeper and the daughter of James (decd.) and Rhoda (Leavitt) Cameron.(8)

At the time of his second marriage Chase B.'s occupation was "hotel-keeper." Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., wrote, "He was educated in schools at Bath and Woodsville [both NH towns] High School. He was proprietor of the Thompson Hotel in Ashland, NH, where he began as a clerk . . . I saw a news clipping," Elijah F. continued, "stating him to be 'the most popular proprietor in New Hampshire – among the *traveling public*. He was a member of Mt. Gardner Lodge No. 53, K.P., Woodsville, NH." Cora divorced Chase B. 29 May 1909.(9) He had no children.

Notes:
1. Kimball's death record, New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; 1860 U.S. Census of Bath, NH; *Some things about Coventry-Benton, NH,* p. 49; Chase B.'s second marriage Vital Records.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1900 U.S. Census, Bath, NH; Grafton Co. Probate Records, Woodsville, NH, Adm. 1898.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records; a letter from Franklin Kimball, Lisbon, NH, 21 Sep 1921.
5. 1860 U.S. Census; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records.
9. Ibid.

**Mary Elizabeth Connor[8] (Caroline Woodman Connor[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-18.** Mary Elizabeth was born 22 March 1832 in Boston, Massachusetts. She married Samuel Connor on Christmas Day in 1849. She died 3 November 1908 in Thornton, New Hampshire.(1)

*Mary E.'s children (named Connor):*

i George W.[9], b. 26 Apr 1852; d. 27 Oct 1878.
ii Fanny Brown[9], b. 15 Nov 1862; d. 10 Jun 1864.
**9-23** iii Frederick Walker[9], b. 5 May 1866.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Locke Family Genealogy.*

**Harriette B. Connor[8] (Caroline Woodman Connor[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-19.** Harriette Brown was born 25 March 1835. She married Isaac Fox 24 November 1857. She died 5 February 1875.(1)

*Harriette B.'s children (named Fox):*

i Alice Lulu[9], b. 15 Jan 1859; d. 10 May 1864.
ii Isaac Newton[9], b. 1 Mar 1862. He m. Margaret Smart 22 Feb 1893. Isaac N. was a physician at Rumney, NH.
**9-24** iii Sadie Louise[9], b. 26 May 1865.
iv Frank Abba (sic)[9], b. 9 Jun 1867. He m. Ethel Woodbury on 15 Jun 1898. Frank m. his second wife, Grace Cross, 19 Oct 1902. He was a merchant in North Woodstock, NH.
**9-25** v Benjamin Bailey[9], b. New Year's Eve 1871.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Locke Family Genealogy.*

**Freeman[8] (Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-20.** Freeman was born on Christmas Eve 1838 up on his grandfather's old farm in Woodstock, New Hampshire, the eldest of six children. The family moved to Illinois in 1848 and Freeman wrote:

> When we got settled in Illinois, father had money to buy a yoke of oxen and a few groceries. The oxen and I did the work on the farm several years as I was ten and father could work out by the day.
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> I had no chance, or a very poor chance, for education when I was a boy. Three months [of] winter school. I would usually get as far as fractions every winter. My being the oldest in the family, my father depended on me for help.
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> I was twenty-one when the rebellion [Civil War] came and all ready to go to school at the seminary in Aurora, Illinois. But on 24 August 1861 I enlisted in the 52nd Regiment of Illinois Infantry at Geneva, Illinois. It was called the Lincoln Regiment. Colonel Wilson was our first Colonel. [Freeman's brother Ira had enlisted the same day.]
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> In November we was mustered in and went to St. Louis and from there to the Hannibal and St. Joseph RR. We was guarding that all winter from Hannibal to St. Joseph. It was an awful cold winter and we lived in tents in the woods along the streams where there was any bridges. In the spring we was moved to Smithland, Kentucky. From there we went up to Fort Donalson [in Tennessee], but not in time for the fight – but in time to help bring the 10 thousand rebel prisoners up to Springfield and Chicago. I came with the crowd that we put in Camp Douglas.
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> Soon after the fight, we was taken up to Pittsburg Landing [or Shiloh] in Tennessee [brackets for explanation are mine]. We was not there long before the battle the 6 and 7 of April 1862. I was wounded on the first day but continued in the fight both days. After awhile we took Corinth [MS], and our regiment, with many others, built houses out of shakes. We stayed there most two years until after the two days fight there with Price, Van Dorn & Villipege. Then we began to move South. Spent some time at Kennesaw Mountain [GA], had a sharp fight at Dallas [GA]. Then we came back to Altoona Pass [GA] and on down to Atlanta. I was shot again in that siege. Was in the fight the day McPherson [he was Major General James B. McPherson of the Union Army; this was in the battle for Atlanta, GA] and we licked old Hood [Hood was a Southern General]. Then in the battle of Jonesborough [GA] when Atlanta fell and we came back to Rome.
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> Then, we went through to the sea with Sherman and up through the Carolinas. Was near Goldsborough [NC] when Lincoln was killed and Johnson [Confederate General Joseph E. Johnson] surrendered. Then on to Richmond and to Washington to the Grand Review. [The Grand Review was a magnificent parade held May 23rd and 24th in Washington, DC. Thousands of the victorious Army marched from the Capitol to the White House.] Then to Louisville a few weeks then on to Chicago where we was mustered out the 12th of July 1865.
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> I lacked a few days of four years service. My wounds was only light with Minnie Balls in the leg and side. I was the Color Sargeant of the regiment the last two years; was one of the Color Guards up to that time . . . That ought to be enough but I am very proud of that record and of the little part I had and was able to do in serving our union.

It is an incredible record and well might he have been proud! Unlike many soldiers in that war, Freeman was seldom ill; the company clerk's records show him always present. Freeman was not a big man; the Army described him as 5 feet 9 inches, with blue eyes and light brown hair and complexion.

A neighbor wrote, "I knew him before he enlisted and know he was a tough, hardy robust boy." Another friend wrote, "I can swear he was one of the healthiest, toughest, stuffiest [sic] of patriots I ever knew when he enlisted."

While home on a thirty-day furlough, Freeman had taken a bride. On 13 February 1863 he married eighteen-year-old Alice E. Bartholomew at Aurora, Illinois. Alice was born 5 January 1845, the daughter of Guy and Jeanette Bartholomew. Freeman wrote:

I came right home to Elburn, Illinois and we went to housekeeping there in October. I started a grocery store, but in a short time went into partnership with an old doctor that had a drugstore, so I ran the drugs and groceries together for four years. My health failed and I rented my father's farm for four years.

Then I took a soldier's claim of 160 acres in Nebraska on the south side of the Platte River in Butler County. I kept that eight years and made a trade with my father for the old home farm near Elburn.

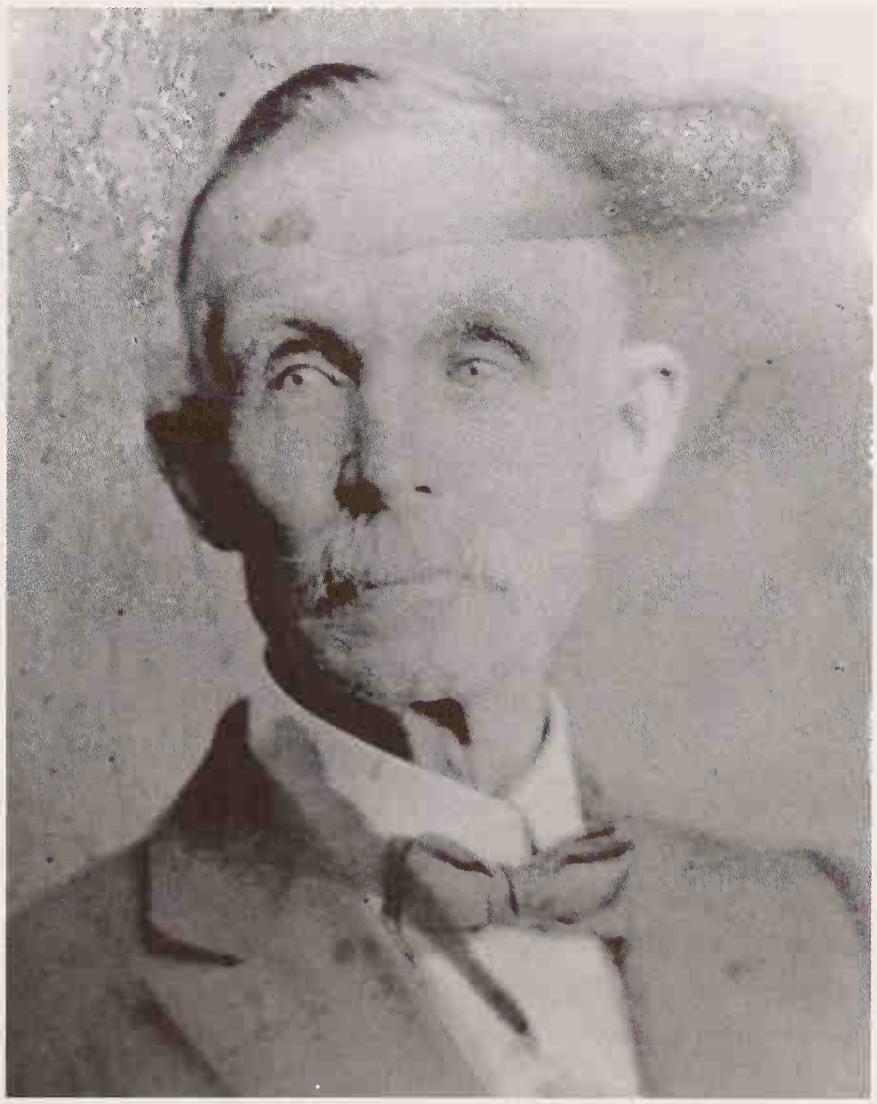
My wife was always strong and healthy until a cancer developed in the breast. We had that removed and she seemed to be doing fine for a year or so when all at once it developed in the stomach. We fought it for a year knowing all the time it was a losing game. I was with her all the time for six months. Lay on a cot beside her. With the medicine they use now they relieve the suffering.

Before she died she made a will. Had the farm sold for $8,000.00 and that is in an estate that goes to the children at my death. She died 23 July 1899. We were living in Evanston (IL); my son and I was running a milk route there.

My second wife was Berneva Emily Peak. She was a widow, had four children the same as I, all married. My wife had been dead eight years. We were married here in California 24 April 1907. We moved to Visalia where she died of tubular [sic] or consumption 8 March 1915 . . . I had two fine wives in every respect.

My life has been spent mostly on the farm. I like stock and everything connected with the farm. I like to see things grow. I used to milk 18 cows and ship the milk to Chicago. That was a hard life.

Maybe it was after Berneva died that Freeman gave up a home of his own. By 1921 he was eighty-three years old and had been collecting a military pension for some time. He seemed to use his sister Sarah Elizabeth Chaffee's house in Santa Ana as a sort of headquarters and spent much time traveling from relative to relative and state to state.



***Freeman Woodman***

Freeman wrote from Plymouth, New Hampshire, about his cross-country trip, "I stopped twice in Nebraska and twice in Illinois – about the same in New York. I have been here about 30 days and shall be here another month . . . While I am going to and fro up and down this beautiful valley, I try to be like an angel of mercy – not like the evil one seeking whom I may devour. Where ere I go I have done work in someone's garden at every place that I have stopped."

Freeman was a man who possessed a large spirit, a great heart and a true zest for living. His letters came from everywhere and they were funny, informative and full of hope. "My Dear Old Boy," they usually began. It was Freeman who wrote about Uncle Archelaus who married a "lightly-respected" woman and how she was really the witch who bothered his father as he went after the cows. It was Freeman who wrote that Uncle Ira spent all his money on a

worthless neighbor girl and died without a dollar. He tried never to miss the annual G.A.R. "grand encampment" meeting of the Civil War soldiers. When he was eighty-four he wrote from New Hampshire, "I have had a grand time here in the old Granite State. Yesterday I was up on the top of Mt. Washington, 6298 feet high . . . It was a wonderful view."

Freeman sometimes wrote eloquently about his life and his family. In July of 1922 he wrote from New Hampshire, "I am here in the old Granite State where most of my relation now live. My grandfather's family of six boys and four girls was born up here in Woodstock on the old farm that my father owned. And here I was born nearly eighty-four years ago – and my brothers and sisters was born here. The old house still stands here yet. And here I spent my childhood days. I was ten when we moved to Illinois.

"I like to wander up and down this valley," he said, "and tramp all alone over the old farm and muse over the old bygone days. I am taking solid comfort with my folks who are still living here, scattered all along the mighty Merrimac River and its tributaries from Boston to the 'Old Man in The Mountain'." [Freeman had reference to Profile Mountain which Nathaniel Hawthorne made famous as "The Great Stone Face."]

Around the first of the year in 1923 Freeman entered the Soldiers Home in Los Angeles. "It is a nice place," he wrote, "and the soldiers are treated fine. [They] have everything here for their comfort." By December of 1925 Freeman was at the soldiers home in Danville, Illinois, which would have been closer to his children.

Freeman who was born on Christmas Eve in 1838, died of pneumonia at his daughter Florence's house in Elgin, Illinois, on 22 December 1935. His great old heart had finally given out. They buried him in the Stewart Cemetery in Campton, Kane County, Illinois. It was Christmas Eve and his ninety-seventh birthday. Buried him just a few short miles from where the ten-year-old New Hampshire plowboy had arrived in the middle west eighty-seven years before.

Freeman is my favorite Woodman. He knew many of the family, cared about them, and was always interested in their activities. He very much wanted a family history to be published and was Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.'s most enthusiastic supporter. Freeman was forever goading the family to send information. "They ought to take pride in helping you," he said. "If they don't, let me know."

*Freeman and Alice's children:*

**9-26** i Myron Joseph[9], b. 27 Jul 1869.
ii Ernest[9], b. 10 Apr 1871; d. 14 Apr 1871.
**9-27** iii Fannie Jeanette[9], b. 16 Aug 1872.
iv Carl S.[9], b. 10 Mar 1876; d. 1 Oct 1878.
**9-28** v Edith May[9], b. 21 Oct 1881.
**9-29** vi Florence B.[9], b. 13 Oct 1883.

Note:

1. Letters from Freeman Woodman, Toppenish, WA, 19 May 1921 and 8 Jun 1921; Santa Ana, CA, 2 Aug 1921, 22 Aug 1921, 15 Sep 1921, 25 Oct 1921, 14 Nov 1921, 26 Dec 1921; Plymouth, NH, 28 Jul 1922, 18 Aug 1922; Evanston, IL, 4 Oct 1922; Byrant Road, Long Beach, CA, 1 Jan 1923; Soldiers Home, Los Angeles, CA, 12 Apr 1923; an undated, unnamed newspaper clipping probably in 1921, probably from Toppenish, WA; Freeman's Military and Pension Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 18 Sep 1981; Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1908.

## Juliet[8] (Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-21.** Juliet was born 12 June 1841, a twin of her brother Ira. She married Joseph Gray 15 September 1869. They lived in Elburn, Illinois, for many years before going to Malborn, Washington. In 1921 she lived at 991 East Grant Street, Portland, Oregon.(1)

*Juliet's children (named Gray):*

i Alice[9], a graduate nurse who died about age thirty. Never married.
ii A daughter[9], d. aged four years old.
iii William[9], b. 1868; lived in Portland. He had two sons and one daughter. All single in 1921.
iv Robert[9], b. about 1871; resided in Northern Washington; m. and had three daughters in 1921.
v John[9], b. about 1876; m. and had one boy and one girl. Lived in Pipestone, MN in 1921.

Note:
1. A letter from Freeman Woodman, Santa Ana, CA, 15 Sep 1921.

## Ira[8] (Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-22.** Ira was born 12 June 1841 in Woodstock, New Hampshire, on his grandfather's old farm, a twin of his sister Juliet.

***Ira Woodman***

On 24 August 1861, he and his brother Freeman enlisted in Company A of the 52nd Infantry Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. At the time he joined, the Army described Ira as 5 feet 9 inches, with light hair and complexion and grey eyes. It would probably have been difficult to find a more unlikely candidate than this peace-loving nineteen-year-old farm boy for such a task that lay ahead. His wife Caroline Adel wrote, "Previous to the war he entered school in Evanston, Illinois, to prepare for the ministry."

Ira was mustered into the Army 25 October 1861 at Geneva, Illinois. Ira's brother Freeman wrote, "he was out about two years but served most of his time in the hospital."(1) And his military record indicates this was so. He seems to have fought in but one battle – the one at Corinth, Mississippi. Shortly after Corinth, Ira is said to have contracted typhoid, followed by pneumonia. His decline in hospitals continued. On 31 March 1863 Ira's company commander wrote, "He is much emaciated from the effects of a Fever. This is the third attack of the same specie of disease within the last year. During this time he has not performed duty to exceed three months." E. Winchester, the attending surgeon added that Ira's illness was, "the result of Pneumonia of the right side . . . and abscess of the middle lobe of the right lung and now severe cough and extreme emaciation. Present disability entire. No prospect of recovery." So Ira, only twenty, was discharged 6 April 1863 with a dim future. But he set out to get a religious education.

There is evidence Ira returned to old New Hampshire after the War and that he attended the New Hampton Institute at New Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1868.(2) His wife Caroline A. wrote that after leaving the service and regaining his health, Ira united with the Methodist Episcopal

Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, and in September of 1880 he was ordained to the ministry. "He remained in the work for two years," she said. "At that time he bought a farm near David City, Nebraska, and moved with his family to the farm."

In the meantime Ira had married Caroline Adella Harvey (sometimes called Della) on 9 September 1879 at Campton, Illinois. She was born 6 September 1857 at Stewartville, Minnesota, the daughter of William and Huldah Ann (Benedict) Harvey. There is no clear chronological order of Ira's career in the ministry. Ira's brother, Freeman, wrote of Ira, "He went to school and studied for the ministry. His first year he preached in Georgia east of Atlanta. Then in Montana two years and two years in Nebraska. Then he had my farm in Nebraska; in three or four years he sold that and moved to California.(3) There is one record in his military file that Ira lived near Elkhorn Station, Douglas County, Nebraska, and in June of 1882 he gave his address as David City, Nebraska. Ira's wife Caroline said:

> In the fall of '82 he sold the farm and moved to California on account of ill health. The family settled on a ranch in Garden Grove, California.
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> On 7 January 1900 the family moved into the mountains near Ramona, San Diego County, living there at the time of his death 20 March 1902.
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> My husband always kept bees – as did his father before him. While a young boy the first $5 he ever earned he spent for a hive of bees – he was very fond of honey and did not think a meal complete without a pitcher of honey on the table.
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> When we first came to California we had a covered wagon, as a great many did – to travel around with and to go camping in. My husband would quite often take one of his friends with him and drive into the mountains on a hunting trip – and would be gone several days.
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> He enjoyed any kind of hunting, but especially hunting bees. He would find them in trees and rocks – and cans. He would take several hives with him and put them around in different places and then on his next trip would find them filled with bees. We had an apiary in the mountains and he would keep it stocked up in that way.
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> Each spring he would drive up to the bee ranch to do his extracting and would quite often take the family along. We had a little cabin right by the side of a creek and the children had delightful times climbing around for ten days or two weeks.(4)

His health had been a problem since the war, for Ira drew a military invalid pension at times – the amount being something like $4.00 or $6.00 per month in the decades following the war.

Ira had not married until he was thirty-six, and when he did, he married a girl fourteen years younger than he and they had nine children in the twenty-three years before he died. Thus, at his death on 20 March 1902 at age fifty-nine, he left a forty-five-year-old widow and five children under the age of sixteen – two of them aged three and four.

Caroline applied for a widow's pension. An inventory of Ira's assets at the time of his death was: 155.35 acres of land in San Diego, California, $233.00; improvements at $125.00; personal property as $327.00. So the government approved a $12.00 a month pension for Caroline and added $2.00 per month per child until each reached the age of sixteen.

Ira had been a great family man and the children looked back fondly at their childhood. Miriam wrote:

> My father was a very stern man, but one of my earliest recollections of him is having him teach us simple gymnastics of evenings on the living room floor. I was the oldest and as there was no boy to help. [I was] delighted to be in the field with my father driving the team on wagon, hayrake or mowing machine.
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> I remember we never heard even slang at home, and one day while in the field and something went wrong, I heard him say, 'Gosh Darn It!' and I was perfectly scandalized.
>
> He enjoyed hitching the horses to the spring wagon on Saturday mornings, piling in

we older children with a basket of lunch and driving to the beach for the day. Would go bathing and clamming and gather broken shells for chicken feed. These trips were a delight of our young lives. Sometimes we would have a really picnic with a few older ones included.

I can remember my father having two hobbies. One, hunting, the other buying second-hand or bargain clothes.(5)

Daughter Laura Adel who was thirteen when her father died wrote, "My father, as I remember him, was a very stern man, but kind and generous beyond his means. He was a jack of all trades. Always half-soling our shoes, extracting our teeth, nursing us when we were sick, as well as knowing how to cook.

"Father was a consecrated Christian man," Laura A. concluded, "and the one greatest impression made on my young life was the family worship he conducted each morning before taking up the tasks of the day."(6)

It might also be instructive to note that his wife Caroline A. remembered and described Ira as 6 feet tall; the Army said he was 5 feet 9 inches. Perhaps Ira just seemed tall to Caroline.

After Ira died, their eldest son Harvey tried to help his mother manage the place. It was surely difficult, for farm prices were so low. In July of 1902 Harvey listed farm income:

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|---|---|
| 10 tons oat hay | $ 80.00 |
| 25 tons barley hay | $156.00 |
| 60 sacks barley | $ 51.00 |
| 950 pounds honey | $ 40.40 |

Ira may be buried in the Keokuk National Cemetery in Iowa.(7)

Caroline Adel survived Ira by forty-three years, dying 31 May 1945 at the Alta Rest Home in South Pasadena, California.

*Ira's children:*

**9-30** i Miriam Eleanor[9], b. 9 Jul 1880.

**9-31** ii Ethel[9], b. 6 Jan 1882.

iii John[9], b. 22 Jan 1885; d. 4 Nov 1886, was a twin of Harvey.

iv Harvey E.[9], b. 22 Jan 1885, a twin of John. He m. Neva Simmons at Escondido, San Diego Co., CA. He was a forest ranger who lived at Descano City.

**9-32** v Ira Ralph[9], b. 1 May 1887.

vi Laura Adel[9], b. 3 Mar 1889 at Garden Grove, CA. She attended schools in Ramona, San Diego, CA., and Los Angeles, CA.

In 1921 she wrote, "Being single, can't say much concerning my husband . . . I am the only one in our family not married – (the old maid) but mighty happy in my freedom. I am kept very

busy with church (Calvary Baptist) and social duties.

"I am employed as secretary to the auditor, freight and passenger accounts, L.A. & Sh. R.R. Co. Have been with the R.R. for seven years and enjoy the work immensely."

Laura A. described herself as 5 feet 7-1/2 inches, weighed 150 pounds and a fair complexion.(8)

In 1945 when her mother died, Laura was called Laura Brooks.

**9-33** vii Daniel William[9], b. 15 Aug 1892.

**9-34** viii Flora May[9], b. 2 Apr 1897.

ix Gardner Lewis[9], b. 2 Dec 1898 at Garden Grove, CA; he died of blood poisoning in Los Angeles, CA, 3 Feb 1912.(9)

Notes:

1. A letter from Freeman Woodman, Toppenish, WA, 19 May 1921; Ira's Military Pension Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
2. A letter from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, Worcester, MA, 1921.
3. Ibid.
4. A letter from Caroline Adel Woodman, 2123 City View Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 21 May 1921; undated biography form and letter from Caroline A., probably 1921.
5. An undated letter from Miriam E. Woodman Kelly, Los Angeles, CA, probably 1921.
6. An undated biography form from Laura Adel Woodman.
7. Frederick C. Smith, Record of Burials – Keokuk National Cemetery.
8. Biography from Laura Adel.
9. An undated biography form from Caroline Adel Woodman, probably 1921.

## Sarah Elizabeth[8] (Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-23.** Sarah Elizabeth was born 28 February 1848 in Woodstock, New Hampshire. She was less than three months old when her family made the big trip west to Illinois. She married Simon Everett Chaffee 26 March 1867. It isn't known when she and Simon E. went West, but he was a farmer in Garden Grove, California, when he died in 1916.

In 1921 Sarah Elizabeth lived at 410 South Birch in Santa Ana, California, and her brother Freeman lived there much of the time with her.(1) In September 1921 Freeman wrote of seventy-three-year-old Sarah Elizabeth, "I am sorry to say that my sister that fell three weeks ago broke a bone in the hip and is in very bad shape. I fear she will never get over it. She is with a daughter and trained nurse." In October he reported, "My sister lays flat in her bed with a weight hanging to her leg. The doctor says she is doing fine and will be up in a few weeks." In November he said, "My sister Mrs. Chaffee has been laying flat on her back for most four months. She will soon be able to sit up . . . she has had two trained nurses and a doctor." And then a postcard, "my sister who broke a hip five months ago has just left us. The funeral is to be December 27."(2)

*Sarah E.'s children – all born in Campton, Illinois (named Chaffee):*(3)

**9-35** i Anna Edith[9], b. 17 Mar 1867 (probably an error).

**9-36** ii Everett Simon[9], b. 20 Feb 1872.

iii John Woodman[9], b. 26 May 1874. He m. Grace Hartman 18 Jun 1906. John was a banker in St. Charles, IL, and had no children.

**9-37** iv Grace Harriett[9], b. 27 Aug 1877.

v Eleanor May[9], b. 22 Sep 1879; d. 17 Jan 1884.

**9-38** vi Earle Gardner[9], b. 8 Sep 1881.

**9-39** vii Mabel Edna[9], b. 5 Jun 1886.

viii Ray Don[9], b. 27 Jul 1889. He had an auto garage at Garden Grove, CA. Unmarried.

Notes:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
2. Letters from Freeman Woodman, Santa Ana, CA, 15 Sep, 25 Oct, 14 Nov, 26 Dec, all in 1921.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

## Joseph Gardner[8] (Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-24.** Joseph Gardner was born 3 June 1854 in Virgil Township, Kane County, Elburn, Illinois, formerly called Blackberry Station.

"I lived on the farm at Elburn until I was 18," wrote Joseph Gardner. "Then spent two years at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. I was married at 24 to Miss Alice J. Davis, daughter of Honorable Jeremiah Davis of Davis Junction, Illinois. My wife was born at Milton, Wisconsin, 21 December 1858. Her mother's name was Jane Goodrich, daughter of Honorable Joseph Goodrich of Milton.

"I spent 15 years as State Grain Inspector in Chicago, Illinois," Joseph Gardner went on, "and four years as traveling man for Rosenbaum Brothers of Chicago. Coming to Morrill, Nebraska, in 1907, homesteading under the North Platt Irrigation Project because of the poor health of two of my children.

"I am a director of the project. Also a director of the Nebraska State Sunday School Association and a member of the Presbyterian Church."

***Harold Joseph Woodman in World War 1***

*Joseph Gardner's children:*

**9-40** i George Davis[9], b. 13 Feb 1882.

ii Harold Joseph[9], was b. 20 Aug 1888 at Davis Junction, IL. He attended the public school in Chicago, IL.

On 1 Jul 1913, at Morrill, NE, he married Mary B. Spencer. Mary was born 27 Aug 1886 at Dresden, OH, the daughter of Wiseman and Emily (Riley) Spencer.

Harold Joseph was a civil engineer, working with the U.S. Reclamation Service from 1910 until 1917. That year Harold J. enlisted in Company B of the 23rd Engineers and for the next twenty months he served in the Army as a first sergeant – seventeen months in France.

In 1921 he headquartered in Morrill, NE with an engineering practice specializing in irrigation promotion and road contracting. That year Harold J.'s father wrote, "Harold is at Hay Springs, NE, engaged in building an irrigation unit at that place which will water about 50,000 acres." Harold Joseph had lived in Minatore, NE, for three years, and Fort Laramie, WY, for two years.

Harold Joseph was a member of the A.F. and A.M. Lodge #29 of Torrington, WY. He was a Presbyterian and a Progressive Republican. He described himself as 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed

190 pounds with a dark complexion. In 1921 he had no children.(1)

iii Geneieve Alice[9], was b. 30 Nov 1898 in Chicago. In 1921 she was completing college at Hasting, NE.

iv Chester Gardner[9], was b. 2 Dec 1900 in Chicago. In 1921 he had one more year to complete college at Hastings where he was studying to be a medical missionary.

Note:

1. Letters from Joseph Gardner Woodman, Morrill, NE, 29 Apr 1921 and 8 May 1921; an undated biography form from Harold Joseph Woodman, Morrill, NE.

### Charlotte McQuestron Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-25.** Charlotte M. was born 13 January 1836 in Thornton, New Hampshire. She married Charles Wesley Morrison 29 October 1857. She died at Penacook, New Hampshire, 17 December 1896.(1)

*Charlotte M.'s children (named Morrison):*

**9-41** i Frederick Pierce[9], b. 1 Jun 1860.

**9-42** ii Anna Isabelle[9], b. 27 Jan 1863.

iii Frank Wesley[9], b. 12 Dec 1864. He m. Grace Masier 28 Aug 1898. They lived in Bristol, NH.

**9-43** iv Willis Russell[9], b. 21 Oct 1872.

Note:

1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

### Mary Melissa Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-26.** Mary Melissa was born 21 March 1837. She married first Gilbert Dearborn 24 February 1859. She married second husband Albert Silver 9 January 1867. Mary M. died 9 March 1875 at Campton, New Hampshire.(1)

*Mary M. and Gilbert's child (named Dearborn):*

i Mary Evelyn[9], b. 17 Jun 1860; was an artist and craftsman at 7 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Unmarried.

*Mary M. and Albert's children (named Silver):*

ii Nellie May[9], b. 23 Mar 1868; m. Richard John McLean 12 Sep 1905. Richard was a member of the Webster Typewriting Co., 99 Ruthven Street, Roxbury, MA.

iii Mertie Bell[9], b. 29 May 1871; d. 3 Mar 1874.

Note:

1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

### John Marshall Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-27.** John Marshall was born 5 or 15 September 1839. He married Elizabeth Hower 5 September 1867. A mail carrier in Plymouth, New Hampshire, he died there 3 February 1911.(1)

*John Marshall's children (named Russell):*

**9-44** i Clara Winifred[9], b. 15 May 1868.

ii Clarence Dudley[9], b. 7 Aug 1869 in Holderness, NH; m. Addie Clough 24 Apr 1890. He was a druggist in Ashland, NH.

Note:

1. Data furnished by Florence Russell Glynn with an update 28 Dec 1921, Plymouth, NH.

**William Alonzo Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-28.** William Alonzo was born 5 January 1841 at Woodstock, New Hampshire. On 21 October 1861 he enlisted in the 6th New Hampshire Volunteers of the Civil War. On 22 August 1871 William A. married Lavina Copeland West. A farmer at Morrill, Nebraska, William A. died 11 November 1914 in Omaha, Nebraska.(1)

*William A.'s children (named Russell):*

i Scott Maurice[9], was b. 17 Sep 1874 at Plymouth, NH. In April 1898 he enlisted in the 1st Nebraska Volunteers. Serving until August 1899, Scott spent eight months in the Philippine Islands. He married Anna Bader 19 Dec 1906; in 1921 he was a clerk in Morrill, NE.

ii Maud[9], was b. 6 Aug 1877. On 17 May 1909 she m. Nelson McDonough and lived in Morrill. Maud d. 7 Jan 1916 in Oskaloosa, IA.

**9-45** iii Mabel Clair[9], b. 27 Sep 1879.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Elizabeth Jane Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-29.** Elizabeth Jane was born 1 December 1842 at Woodstock, New Hampshire. On 22 September 1861 she married Shubal Sanborn. About 1880 they went to Rising City, Nebraska, where Shubal farmed until he died there in July of 1911.

In 1921 Elizabeth J., now seventy-nine years old, wrote a touching letter, "I have lived here in Nebraska forty-one years, have not been in New Hampshire many times in that time . . . When I have last visited in New Hampshire . . . the trip was too much for me – so many changes and long waits at stations . . . I am a widdow [sic], live alone – 79 years old and in poor health so cannot get out often to get what I wish. I am ashamed of this writing . . . How I should like to see you and talk over the record of our family. Come and see me when near. I am 90 miles west of Omaha."(1)

*Elizabeth J.'s children (named Sanborn):*

i Ellen Cyrene[9], b. 22 Sep 1861 at West Thornton, NH. A teacher in Morrill, NE, she d. 25 November 1914 in Rising City, unmarried.

ii Josephine Bonaparte[9], b. 4 Nov 1865; she m. Edwin Arnold 21 Dec 1904 and resided in Rising City, NE. No children.

iii Nina Gertrude[9], b. 14 Jun 1872; m. Daniel Stanley 2 Jun 1892; lived in David City, NE. No children.

Note:
1. A letter from Elizabeth Jane Russell Sanborn, Rising City, NE, 8 Sep 1921; data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH.

**Ellen Locke Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-30.** Ellen Locke was born 25 January 1847; married John H. Plummer 9 January 1872. She lived at Campton, New Hampshire.(1)

*Ellen's children (named Plummer):*

i Ralph[9], b. 12 Aug 1877; d. 10 Apr 1879.

ii Carrie Ethel[9], was b. 4 Dec 1878; she m. Elmer Gould Royce 4 Jun 1899. She resided at 27 Waldo Street, Manchester, NH.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Armenah Helena Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-31.** Armenah Helena was born 27 September 1850. She married Albert Elliott 1 February 1872. Armenah H. died 10 September 1878; Albert died 2 April 1916.(1)

*Armenah H.'s child (named Elliott):*

**9-46** i Lela May[9], b. 6 Oct 1872.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Frank Pelatiah Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-32.** Frank Pelatiah was born 7 March 1852; he married Carrie Bateman 3 September 1878. He was president of the Portland Machine Company at 52 First Street, Portland, Oregon.(1)

*Frank's child (named Russell):*

i Alice Alida[9], b. 14 Feb 1883 at Lodi, CA; she m. Charles Elwood Brown 3 Sep 1904. She lived in Portland.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Harriette Cora Russell[8] (Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-33.** Harriette Cora was born 3 June 1855. She married Jason Fletcher Draper 26 February 1881. Florence Russell Glynn wrote, "He built up the sporting good business now located in this town [Plymouth], a big business known as the Draper & Maynard Sporting Goods Company." Jason Draper died 24 April 1913 in Boston, Massachusetts.(1)

In 1921, eager to aid Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. to publish his genealogy book, Harriette Cora loaned him $200.00. The book, of course, was never published and I do not know if he ever returned the money to her.

*Harriette Cora's children (named Draper):*

i Mary Emma[9], b. 5 May 1882; m. C. Berton Lyman 5 Jul 1916. She was a kindergarten teacher at Plymouth, NH.

ii Katherine Muriel[9], b. 25 Feb 1884; d. 21 Mar 1885.

**9-47** iii Harriette Marguerite[9], b. 17 Jul 1889.

iv Jason Russell[9], b. 27 May 1900. Florence Glynn wrote, "he graduates this next June 1922 from Yale University."

Note:
1. An updated biography from Florence Russell Glynn, 8 Prospect Street, Plymouth, NH, 28 Dec 1921.

**Jacob Astor[8] (Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-34.** According to his death record Jacob Astor was born 29 December 1849 on his grandfather Isaac's old farm up in Woodstock, New Hampshire(1) and attended the New Hampton Institute in New Hampton, New Hampshire in 1865.(2)

On 7 February 1875 in Campton, New Hampshire, Reverend B.H. McMurphy united Jacob A. and Mary N. Cross in marriage. Mary N. was born 8 March 1853 in Bridgewater, New Hampshire, the daughter of Sylvester and Clarissa (Bean) Cross.(3)

It was a sad Christmas for the family in 1886. Mary N. died. 9 December 1886 of pneumo-

nia leaving Jacob Astor and the children in a desolate situation.(4) Jacob A. and Mary N. had five children in twelve years, the eldest twelve years old, the youngest an infant less than two months old. Now Jacob was left to bring them up.

And bring them up he did for there is no record Jacob ever married again. Jacob was a brick mason and probably always lived in Bridgewater after his marriage. He died there 18 May 1905 (said to be fifty-six years, five months and twenty days old).(5)

Jacob A.'s daughter Clara (Clarissa Mandana) wrote, "I remember my father as a good and kind father. Very fond of his home and family. He was a reliable man and a hard-working man and always paid his bills. I remember how good he was if any of the neighbors were sick. You see we lived in the country four miles from a village and the neighbors often used to send for him to come and sit up during the night with some one of their family and he never refused to go and help in any way that he could no matter how hard he had worked during the day."(6)

***Front row left to right—Clara, Jacob Astor, Mary & Cora A.***
***2nd row left to right—Edna F., & Leon Woodman***
***Remaining figures are Charles, Addie, Lyman, Corydon, Charles Sumner & Austin Wallace Woodman***

Clara wrote that Jacob A. was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, with blue eyes and brown hair.

*Jacob A.'s children – all born at Bridgewater:*(7)

i Edna Frances[9], b. 23 Nov 1874; Said to be insane, she d. in the New Hampshire State Hospital 17 Jun 1910. Sister Clara wrote, "She had blue eyes, light brown hair and was 5 feet 3 inches tall.(8)

**9-48** ii Leon Astor[9], b. 3 Mar 1876.

**9-49** iii Clarissa Mandana (Clara)[9], b. 1 Apr 1878.

**9-50** iv Cora May[9], b. 16 Mar 1880.

**9-51** v Mary Agnes[9], b. 15 Oct 1886.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records, Death Record.
2. A letter from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 1921.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
5. 1880 U.S. Census New Hampshire; New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. A letter from Clara Woodman Young, 2309 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA, 3 Oct 1921.
7. Ibid.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records.

### Charles Sumner[8] (Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-35.** Charles Sumner was born 6 February 1852 in Thornton, New Hampshire.(1) He was a twenty-three-year-old spinner when he married an eighteen-year-old teacher named Rosa P. Hill on the 4th of July 1877 in Campton, New Hampshire. She was born in Ellsworth, New Hampshire, the daughter of John and Mary E. (Ferrin) Hill.(2)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "Charles S. visited me in the spring of 1909 (in Illinois). Charles said that his wife's folks were somewhat opposed to their marriage, so they planned to elope. He had to cross a river to get to her, and as luck would have it, rains had swollen the stream until the ford was impassable. Not daunted, he simply swam the stream and met her at the home of a friend and they were married. Her relatives called him 'the little devil'."(3)

Charles S. and Rosa P. moved West for her health after they married – probably out around Elburn, Illinois where his Uncles Joseph and Ira had settled much earlier. Charles S. is said to have worked on a steamboat out there. He ultimately entered dental college in Chicago where he graduated in 1879.

By 1882 Charles and Rosa had returned to New Hampshire and settled in Ashland, New Hampshire, where he opened a dental practice and where he spent the remainder of his life. It is said that by 1902 Charles S. was making 125 sets of teeth a year.(4)

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. remembered Charles S., "He was a delightful correspondent, a lover of anecdotes and good horses. As I remember him he had light hair, blue eyes, a mustache and was somewhat heavy-set though not fat."

In 1909 Charles S. wrote, "What I would like would be to give you a good ride behind my trotter for I have a good one. Nothing in these parts can touch her. Just lovely sleighing out. About five inches of snow and lovely weather."(5) Charles S. died in Ashland 17 February 1919. He is buried in the Green Grove Cemetery in Ashland.(6)

*Charles S.'s children:*

i Hallie Leona[9], was b. 4 (or 14) Feb 1878 in Campton, NH. She served as Ashland's postmistress for many years. She is said to be pictured in the *Ashland Centennial 1868-1968*. In 1926 when she inherited $2000.00 from her Uncle Lyman B., she was unmarried.(7)

**9-52** ii Joseph Earle[9], b. 15 Aug 1880.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Ibid.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
4. Ashland Centennial 1868-1968, Town Project, 1968, p. 105; 1900 U.S. Census.
5. Letters from Charles S. Woodman, Ashland, New Hampshire, 27 Apr 1909 and 24 Dec 1909.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records; Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
7. Town Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society; Letters from Hallie Leona, Ashland, NH 11 Apr and 10 Jul 1921; Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #12-044.

### Corydon Edward[8] (Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-36.** Corydon Edward was born 25 February 1860 in Thornton, New Hampshire. He wrote:

> When I was about twenty-one or twenty-two I came to Worcester, Mass. to visit brother Lyman, got work in the builder's finish line, and Massachusetts has been my home ever since. [I] have been foreman for a good many years in that trade.
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> On 11 March 1890 I married Lillian W. Bercume of Millbury, Massachusetts, daughter of Mary Jane Brierly. My wife's own father was dead long before I ever knew her. My wife is still living but badly crippled from burns caused by exploding oil which occurred

three years ago this 11th day of August [1921].

I came to Pawtucket, Rhode Island in 1906 as foreman for Frank E. Tingley, Builder's Finishers, and am still here, though my home and family are in Millbury. I go home every week or two.

I am a great lover of music and played flute and piccolo in band and orchestra for thirty-five to forty years as a side line . . . I have been away from the old home and home folks for forty years or more, with the exception of a visit now and then so that past events are rather hazy, if not out of mind entirely. My hearing is poor, but I have great help in the use of the Acousticon.(1)

*Corydon E.'s children:*

**9-53** i Florence Evelyn[9], b. 22 Dec 1891.

**9-54** ii Ethel May[9], b. 18 Jan 1892.

**9-55** iii Maud Edith[9], b. 8 May 1894.

iv Hazle Myrtice[9], was b. 14 May 1903. She graduated from Millbury High School, in Millbury, MA. In 1921 she graduated from State Normal School of Worcester, MA.

Note:

1. Letter from Corydon Edward Woodman, 430 Main St., Pawtucket, RI, 10 Aug 1921.

## Austin Wallace[8] (Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-37.** Austin Wallace was born 5 April 1865 in Thornton, New Hampshire. Austin W.'s son Charles Lorenzo wrote about his father, "When he was two years old the family moved onto a farm in Bridgewater, New Hampshire. The children got their early education in the local one-room school house. They then went to New Hampton Institute (a high school equivalent) in New Hampton [New Hampshire]. Austin and his brother Charles worked their way through Tufts Dental School in Boston, Massachusetts. Charles practiced dentistry in Ashland, New Hampshire and my father had his office in Plymouth, New Hampshire, going there about 1890."(1)

On 3 December 1894 Austin W. married Martha Stevens French. Martha S., born 7 December 1867 in Rumney, New Hampshire, was the daughter of Lorenzo Hastings and Elizabeth Caroline (Kelly) French. The French's descend back to William French of Billerica, Massachusetts – one of the earliest settlers. Martha's father was a manager of hotels, retiring in Rumney, New Hampshire.(2)

Austin was said to be a great hunter and outdoorsman. One record called him a guide and landscape painter. He built a summer home (New Hampshire people call this a "camp") which the family continues to own and enjoy. It is also said he is pictured with an old Ashland, New Hampshire baseball team.(3)

Austin Wallace probably cared little for genealogy. In 1921 during the great gathering of family information for Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., Austin W. would not write. There are letters lamenting his failure to do so. Austin W.'s sister Addie C. wrote, "I am so sorry Austin does not help you about his family. [I] should think he would be proud to. He is a No. 1 DDS. Graduated at Boston Dental College, has a fine wife and three very smart boys. I would send you their photos but they might not like it." Another time she wrote, "Austin is so busy – also the boys – and they hate to write. If I could see them I'd talk business to them surely and perhaps get results."(4)

Their granddaughter Nancy wrote fondly of Austin and Martha. "My grandfather Austin smoked cigars and my grandmother (a fastidious housekeeper) kept long 'rolled' bags of sand against the bottom of the bedroom doors to keep the smell out. He and my dad played pinochle every Saturday P.M. after dinner. My grandfather, a dentist, also took care of my teeth until he died."(5)

Austin always lived in Plymouth and died there 13 November 1939;(6) Martha S. died there 26 May 1955. They are buried in the family lot in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

*Austin W.'s children – born in Plymouth:*

**9-56** i Charles Lorenzo[9], b. 16 Jul 1896.

**9-57** ii Roger French[9], b. 13 Apr 1898.

iii George Bartlett[9], was b. 3 Feb 1904. He was too young for World War I and too old for World War II. George B. wrote:

> I graduated from Plymouth High School in 1921. I was president of my senior class and played baseball and basketball. Following graduation I enrolled in the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. During my senior year the name was changed to the University of New Hampshire. During those years I participated in band, R.O.T.C., track and was a member of a fraternity.
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> Following graduation in 1925, I was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company as a field engineer in New York City.
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> On 22 Jun 1929 I was married in The Little Church Around the Corner in New York City to Mary Ann Meehan. Mary Ann was born 12 Apr 1904 in Fulton, KY, the daughter of John William and Dorris (Warren) Meehan. At the time of our marriage they resided in Monroe, LA.
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> Since marriage we have lived in Astoria, Queens, New York City three years, Orange, NJ twenty-eight years and Short Hill, NJ twenty-six. At the time of my retirement I was General Operation Supervisor in charge of Western Union Telegraph's microwave radio relay country-wide system.
>
> I'm afraid that I can't help you with any information regarding other descendants of my Grandfather Charles. We were not a close-knit family and I barely knew my uncles and aunt, to say nothing of my cousins. In fact, I learned from your draft that Uncle Jacob had five children and one – Cora, who married a Fred Cass was one day younger than I! They apparently lived in Plymouth at the same time that I was growing up!
>
> In March of 1991 I called George B. to ask for a personal description of his father Austin W. and was notified George B. was dead. He had died 26 January 1991. And I had called too late. He was buried in the family plot in Plymouth, NH.

Mary Ann lives on in Short Hills, NJ. George B. had no children.(7)

Notes:

1. Ezra S. Stearns, *History of Plymouth, NH, Vol. II, Genealogies,* 1906, p. 758; A letter from Charles Lorenzo Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH 03253, 16 Feb 1987.
2. Town Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Letters from Nancy Woodman Wall, Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049, 4 Sep and 9 Oct 1921.
3. Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer of Grafton Co., NH, 1709-1886,* Syracuse Journal Co., Printers and Binders, Syracuse, NY, June 1886, p. 175; *Ashland (NH) Centennial 1868-1968,* Town Project 1968.
4. Letters from Addie C. Berry, Box 103, Northwood, NH, 28 Aug and 7 Sep 1921.
5. A letter from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049, 7 Mar 1991.
6. 1900 U.S. Census, New Hampshire.
7. Letters from George B. Woodman, 80 Woodland Rd., Short Hill, NJ 07078, 9 Feb and 22 Sep 1987.

## Clara Grover[8] (Elizabeth Woodman Grover[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-38.** Clara married Howard Churbuck. In 1921 she lived at 93 Fremont St., Salem, Massachusetts.

*Clara's children (named Churbuck):*(1)

i Marshall[9], in 1921 he probably lived with Clara.

ii Harry[9].

iii Florence[9], b. 25 May 1877; m. Erving Wentworth. In 1921 she lived in Dover, NH.

Note:
1. A letter from Margery Grover, Wentworth Home, Dover, NH, 27 Jul 1920; letter from Ernest E. Gibbs, Saco, ME, 6 Aug 1921.

### Annette Grover[8] (Elizabeth Woodman Grover[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-39.** Annette born 7 September 1851 at Brooks, Maine, died 6 April 1916. She married first James G. Gibbs 3 September 1873 at Brooks, Maine. James died 5 March 1900 at Brooks. She married second husband, Daniel M. George of Rockland, Maine, about 1906.

*Annette's children (named Gibbs):*(1)

i Walter E.[9], b. 15 Oct 1875. He married Evelyn Paige in 1911. In 1921 he was in real estate at Bangor, ME, and had no children.

**9-58** ii Irving L.[9], b. 26 Oct 1876.

**9-59** iii Charles W.[9], b. 3 Sep 1878.

iv Ernest E.[9], b. 5 Apr 1882. He married Alice A. Platt of Boston 29 Nov 1911. Alice was a native of Harrisonburg, VA. In 1921 Ernest E. was a veterinarian at Saco, ME, and had no children.

v Elmer W.[9], b. 25 May 1893. In 1919 he married Emma Carrie McEachern. In 1921 he was a fireman at Great Works, ME. He had a child b. about 1921.

Note:
1. Letter from Ernest E. Gibbs, Saco, ME, 6 Aug 1921.

### Sarah Elizabeth Chesley[8] (Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-40.** Sarah Elizabeth was born 8 October 1849. She married Charles Henry Nute of Dover, New Hampshire, 8 December 1868. She died 15 October 1910.(1)

*Sarah E.'s children (named Nute):*

i Charles Augustus[9], b. 14 Aug 1874.

ii Clarence Woodman[9], b. 12 Oct 1878.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 75.

### Laura Abbie Chesley[8] (Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-41.** Laura Abbie was born 21 August 1853. She married Frank Demeritt Randall of Lee, New Hampshire 27 September 1877.(1)

*Laura's child (named Randall):*

**9-60** i John Leslie[9], b. 8 Jun 1883.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 75.

### Mary Addie Chesley[8] (Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-42.** Mary Addie was born 26 August 1861 in Madbury, New Hampshire; married David William Manock of Dover, New Hampshire, on 1 January 1883.(1) Mary moved from Madbury to the old Chesley estate in Durham, New Hampshire, where she lived until she married David. In 1887

they moved to Pittsfield, Maine, where they lived in 1921.

*Mary Addie's children (named Manock):*

**9-61** i Charles Wilbur[9], b. 8 Dec 1883.

ii Frank Delmore[9], born 20 Mar 1886. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1909. In World War I Frank served as a lt. commander and navigating officer on the *Leviathan* during her several trips as a troop ship. He next served as executive officer on the *Albany* and as commander of the gunboat, *Villalobos*(?). In 1921 Frank was stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Unmarried.

**9-62** iii Helen Margery[9], b. 18 Dec 1889.

Note:

1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 75; a letter from Mary Addie Manock, Pittsfield, ME, 21 Nov 1921.

### Charles Paul Chesley[8] (Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-43.** Charles Paul was born 24 September 1863; married Susan Alice Horne of Dover, New Hampshire, 5 June 1895.(1)

*Charles Paul's child (named Chesley):*

i George Horne[9], b. 3 Aug 1896.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 75.

### Anna M.[8] (Moses G.[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-44.** Anna M. was born 12 June 1859.(1) When her mother Hannah F.'s estate was settled, Anna was listed as her heir as "Annie M. Reynolds of Unity, Maine."

Anna married Edwin T. Reynolds of Shawmut, Montana, in Durham 20 April 1890. In 1921 she lived in Unity, Maine.(2)

*Anna's children (named Reynolds):*

i Frances[9].

ii Chesley[9].

Notes:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 397; LDS International Genealogical Index; 1880 U.S. Census.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records; letter from E. E. Gibbs, Saco, Maine, 15 Sep 1921.

### George Albert[8] (Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-45.** George Albert was born in Boston, Massachusetts 13 April 1845. He was taken to his grandfather's home in Barrington, New Hampshire, before 1850.(1) George A. received his education in Barrington and at Lee, New Hampshire, where his father bought a farm and built a house.

He was a carriagemaker in Salisbury, Massachusetts, when he married Sarah Elizabeth Gould in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 29 May 1873. Sarah E., born 8 January 1845 in Amesbury, Massachusetts, was the daughter of William and Pauline B. (Mills) Gould of Amesbury.(2)

When his mother died in 1882, George A. and his brother Leroy W. inherited twenty-two acres of woodland in Barrington. In 1908 George A. was mentioned in his brother Otis E.'s will.(3)

Although George Albert was most often classified as a carriagemaker, he was once called a woodworker and his death record said he was a "gear maker."

Sarah E. wrote, "George moved to Merrimacport, Massachusetts, in April 1876 and lived

one year. Then moved to Lynn where we lived three years. In September 1879 we moved to Everett, Massachusetts. I think we moved to Amesbury in 1882 where we lived until 1903 when we moved to Lee where we now have a home."

She wrote that George Albert was 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 147 pounds and a Democrat.

By 1921 George Albert was seventy-six years old and Sarah E. wrote, "My husband has been sick a number of years and is now almost helpless with rheumatism. We are stopping with our son Frank A. Woodman at present, at 52 Institution Ave., Newton Center, Mass."

George Albert died in Newton that year, on 5 August 1921. He is buried in the Union Cemetery in Amesbury, Massachusetts.(4) Sarah E. died in Claremont, New Hampshire, 27 December 1926 where she was probably living with her son Charles Walker. It is written on her death records she had previously lived in Royalston, Vermont.(5)

*George Albert's children:*(6)

i Fred Ervin[9], b. 1 Apr 1874 at Salisbury Mills, MA.(7) He m. Lenore Nellis Saunders at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 4 Nov 1919. In 1921 he lived in Lowell, MA.(8) In 1939, when he inherited $2,658.73 from his Uncle Charles A., he was said to be of Durham, NH.(9)

**9-63** ii Frank Albert[9], b. 19 Jul 1879.

**9-64** iii Charles Walker[9], b. 10 Apr 1887.

Notes:

1. 1850 U.S. Census Barrington, NH; *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, Boston, MA, Haverhill Marriages 1873, 253:218.
3. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #5597-1/2.
4. An undated letter and biography form and letters from Sarah E. Woodman, 52 Institution Ave., Newton Center, MA, 14 Apr and 19 May 1921; a letter from Sarah E., 72 Forest St., Watertown, MA, 22 Nov 1921; 1921 Deaths, Newton, MA, 53:514.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. Letters from Sarah E.
7. Massachusetts Vital Records, Boston, MA, 1874 Births Salisbury, 259:329.
8. Letter from Sarah E., 14 May 1921.
9. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #A1089.

## Elizabeth Ann[8] (Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-46.** Elizabeth Ann was born 3 February 1851. She married a farmer, Alphonso Fernando Jones, of New Durham, New Hampshire, 10 September 1871. Elizabeth A. died 30 November 1888.(1) Alphonso F. married Ada Swain of Barrington, New Hampshire, 15 September 1891 in Dover, New Hampshire. Elizabeth is buried in the Lee Hill Cemetery, Lee, New Hampshire, adjoining the lot where her parents and four brothers are buried.

*Elizabeth A.'s children (named Jones):*

i Alice M.[9], b. Oct 1871. She m. Levi Felker of Dover on 16 Jun 1897. Levi was a mail carrier who served as a city counselor in Dover and as a Representative to the New Hampshire Legislature.(2) Alice M. was mentioned in her uncle Otis E.'s will in 1908. When her uncle Charles A. died in 1939, Alice inherited $2,658.73. She probably always lived in Dover and had no children.(3)

**9-65** ii Alta Maud[9], b. 27 Feb 1874.

**9-66** iii Walter W.[9], b. 17 Jan 1879.

Notes:

1. An undated biography from her son Walter Jones; a letter from Elizabeth's brother Leroy W., 786 Central Ave., Dover, NH, 16 Jun 1921.
2. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Hedding Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

3. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #X863 and #A1089.

### Leroy Watson[8] (Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-47.** Leroy Watson was born 15 August 1853 (sometimes his name was spelled Laroy). He married Hattie J. Batchelder of Northwood, New Hampshire, on New Year's Day 1887. Hattie was born in September 1860, the daughter of Charles and Hattie Batchelder.(1)

Leroy W. and his brother George A. inherited their father's twenty-two-acre woodland in Barrington, New Hampshire; Leroy was mentioned in his brother Otis E.'s will as well.(2)

In 1900 Leroy W., Hattie and their daughter Lenna A. were living in Northwood, New Hampshire, but they were living in Dover, New Hampshire, when Leroy W, died 6 April 1935. Leroy willed $500.00 to their daughter Lenna, and Hattie J. handled the estate from their house at 796 Central Avenue.(3) Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought Leroy W. had a grocery business in Dover; his death record cited his occupation as a beltmaker. Perhaps he had been both. Hattie J. lived until 1954.

*Leroy W.'s child:*(4)

i Lenna A.[9], was b. 6 Apr 1891. She was an only child and never married. When Lenna A.'s Uncle Charles A. died in Lee, NH in 1939, she inherited $7,976.18.(5)

When Lenna made her will on 21 Aug 1953, it was witnessed by staff members of the Wentworth Hospital of Dover, NH. Her ninety-four-year-old mother, Hattie J., was still living in the old home on Central Ave., but was likely unable to handle her affairs. So Lenna left her estate of $16,546.00 to her mother in a trust so her estate would not be settled until Hattie J. was dead.

Lenna A. died three weeks later on 13 Sep 1853 and Hattie J. died in 1954. Lenna A.'s will was as follows:(6)

Frank F. Wentworth of Dover was to have her Packard Motor Car Co. stock and $2500.00. Loretta Saitta of Dover – $2500.00. Theresa Batchelder of Nottingham, NH, $500.00; Harriet Batchelder of Newmarket, NH, $300.00. (By the time the estate was settled Harriet was Mrs. Frank P. Hanson.) Charles A. Purinton of Dover, $2,000.00 and stock in the American Tobacco Co. Ruth M. Woodman of Auburndale, MA, and George M. (he was George S.) Woodman of Waltham, MA, were to receive the residue. (Ruth was the wife of Lenna A.'s cousin Frank Albert[9] and George S. was Ruth's son.)

Leroy W., Hattie J. and Lenna A. are buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover.(7)

Notes:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 398.
2. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #X863 and #5597-1/2.
3. 1900 U.S. Census New Hampshire; Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #9580; New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Letters from Leroy W. Woodman, 796 Central Ave., Dover, NH, 16 Jun 1921, 12 Jul 1921.
5. Strafford Co., Probate Records, Docket #A1089.
6. Strafford Co., Probate Records, Docket #A6694.
7. Cemetery Records found in the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, NH.

### John Adams Mathes[8] (Sarah Woodman Mathes[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-48.** John Adams Mathes was born 14 March 1842 in Durham, New Hampshire. He married Alvira Chadwick in Sutton, New Hampshire 22 February 1862. John A. died in Newmarket, New Hampshire, 29 June 1889.

Alvira was born 3 July 1840. In 1916 she married E. E. Smith of Chicago, Illinois. Alvira was living in 1921 – perhaps with her daughter Addie in California.(1)

*John A.'s children (named Mathes):*

i Alston F.[9], d. in childhood.

**9-67** ii Addie A.[9], b. 11 Dec 1866.

iii Blanche G.[9], b. 17 Feb 1876 in Newmarket. She m. Eugene Kunkle in Anaconda, MT, 15 May 1901. She d. there 22 Jan 1902.

Note:

1. An unsigned, undated biography probably from Myra I. Mathes Blanchard, 476 Westford St., Lowell, MA.

## Anmaretta Mathes[8] (Sarah Woodman Mathes[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-49.** Anmaretta was born 16 May 1851 in Durham, New Hampshire. She married John F. Ham, Jr., in South Newmarket, New Hampshire, 19 February 1871. John Ham died 4 August 1893 in Newmarket. In 1921 Anmaretta lived with her daughter Myra at 476 Westford St., Lowell, Massachusetts.(1)

*Anmaretta's children – all born in Newmarket (named Ham):*

i Mertie W.[8], b. 26 May 1872; d. 16 Dec 1893, in Lowell, MA.

ii Myra I.[8], b. 9 Jun 1873; m. Henry D. Blanchard of Nicholville, NY, 5 Dec 1894. In 1921 she lived at 476 Westford St., Lowell, MA. No children.

iii Frank H.[8], b. 6 Aug 1875; m. Gwendolyn Thomas in Anaconda, MT, 5 Dec 1900.

iv Sadie G.[8], b. 24 Nov 1877; d. 20 May 1878, in Newmarket.

Note:

1. An unsigned, undated biography sheet, probably from Myra I. Mathis Blanchard, 476 Westford St., Lowell, MA.

## Weller Worth[8] (True William[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-50.** Weller Worth was born 20 August 1849 in Somersworth, New Hampshire.(1) He was living at home when his father died in 1880. Weller and two other children petitioned the court to appoint an administrator to settle their father's affairs. He also signed papers requesting the court to appoint a guardian for his small sisters, Lettie who was ten, and Minnetta May who was thirteen.(2)

Weller W. married Clara B. Martin 23 June 1885. Clara B. was the daughter of William Martin of Somersworth. The 1900 U.S. Census gives Clara's birth date as December 1847, but her gravestone has it 1852.(2)

Elijah Franklin Woodman thought Weller was a grocer in Somersworth and this may be so, but his death record called him a clerk. He is said to have been a very religious man, a member of the Freewill Baptist Church. Weller was 6 feet tall, stooped some, and had large light eyes and brown hair.

Weller surely spent his entire life in Somersworth where he died 15 February 1922.(4) He owned no real estate at the time of his death, but he did have nearly $5,000.00 in savings and owed no bills.(5) Clara died before 8 April 1926.(6) They are buried in the town cemetery on Maple Street in Somersworth.

*Weller Worth's children:*

i Irene L.[9], b. 4 Jul 1889, d. 2 Feb 1891. Buried with her parents, her stone says "Little Irene our Darling."

ii Harry Weller[9], was b. 24 Nov 1891, a twin, in Somersworth where he attended the elementary and high schools, followed by the Business College in Dover, NH.

For a time Harry was a high school instructor. He left Somersworth in 1916; was in West Lebanon, NH until 1920. By 1921 he was at Bryant & Stratton Commercial School in Boston, MA

and lived out in Brookline, MA.

On 8 Apr 1926 Harry W., now of Waverley, MA, addressed the Strafford Co. Probate Court. His mother, Clara B., was dead, he said; now another administrator was needed to close out his father's estate.

Harry Weller was 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 125 pounds. Like his father, he was a Baptist and superintendent of the Sunday School. Single in 1921, I don't know if he ever married or had children.(8)

iii Son[9], b. 24 Nov 1891, d. that day. A twin of Harry W., he was buried with his parents.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records (Weller's death record); a letter from Minnetta May Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921.
2. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #5151 and #5207; 1880 U.S. Census, Somersworth, NH.
3. 1900 U.S. Census, Somersworth, NH; New Hampshire Vital Records; gravestones in Somersworth.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #X5158.
6. Ibid., Dockets #6845 and #X5158.
7. New Hampshire Vital Records.
8. An undated, unsigned biography form about Harry Weller; New Hampshire Vital Records.

### Harriet Hellen[8] (True William[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-51.** Harriet Hellen was born 28 May 1854. She married Charles S. Wingate, also of Great Falls (now Somersworth), New Hampshire, maybe at the Newmarket Congregational Church.(1)

Calling herself Hattie H., she lived in Lawrence, Massachusetts, when she and her brothers petitioned the court to appoint an administrator for their deceased father's affairs in 1880; in 1882 she was back in Somersworth, New Hampshire.

Harriet H. died 10 May 1887, just thirty-three years old.(2)

*Harriet Hellen's children (named Wingate):*

i Harold W.[9] In 1921 he was superintendent of schools for Supervisory Union #44, Ossipee, Effingham, Freedom, Eaton – all in New Hampshire. Harold W. sent a note 5 Oct 1921 from Mountainview, NH.

ii Della[9], m. Colin Cameron. She lived in Amesbury, MA, probably in 1921.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records, birth, marriage, death.
2. Letter from Harriet H.'s sister, Minnetta May Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921.

### Minnetta May[8] (True William[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-52.** Minnetta May was born 4 September 1867, probably in Somersworth, New Hampshire. Six years old when her mother died, thirteen when her father died, Minnetta had a guardian appointed by the courts. The bill submitted by the guardian for five years was:(1)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16 Sept 1881 | her share for a bill for fish | 2.54 |
| 16 Sept 1881 | her share for a bill for meat | 8.91 |
| 7 Sept 1881 | to T. W. Woodman for her use. | 30.00 |
| 23 Sept 1881 | to John Martin for shoes | 3.70 |
| 21 Oct 1881 | Susan H. Thompson for clothing | 9.63 |
| 19 Sept 1883 | for car fare and personal use | 30.00 |
| 5 Mar 1884 | to Susan H. Thompson for clothing | 10.00 |
| 10 Sept 1884 | J. M. Bates for shoes | 3.40 |
| 10 Sept 1884 | her for clothing | 1.60 |
| 23 Jul 1886 | Paid to her on marriage. | 22.82 |

Minnetta M. was listed as being in Chicago, IL sometime before her father's estate was settled. She married Fred Wiesner of Utica, New York, who was a tailor in Somersworth.

*Minnetta M.'s child (named Wiesner):*

**9-68** i Beatrice Minnetta[9].

Note:

1. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #5207 and #5151; a letter from Minnetta M. Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921.

## Lettie Lester[8] (True William[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-53.** Lettie Lester was born 9 September 1870. She was only three years old when her mother died, ten when her father died. The courts appointed her a guardian who in 1886 submitted the following bill for Lettie's care:(1)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 23 Sept 1881 | Paid John Martin for shoes | 3.70 |
| 21 Oct 1881 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for clothing | 10.07 |
| 8 Jul 1882 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 10.00 |
| 10 Apr 1883 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 20.00 |
| 4 Sept 1883 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 20.00 |
| 5 Mar 1884 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 25.00 |
| 17 June 1884 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 20.00 |
| 21 Oct 1884 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 10.00 |
| 23 July 1886 | Paid Susan H. Thompson for board | 3.83 |

Lettie L. married David A. Adams of Rochester, New Hampshire, on 30 September 1893. He is said to have been born in Gonic, New Hampshire, about 1869. In 1921 Lettie lived at 30 Broadway, Dover, New Hampshire.(2)

*Lettie L.'s children (named Adams):*

**9-69**
- i Mora Madelyn[9], b. 1894.
- ii Clifford Leslie[9], d. young.
- iii Ernest[9], b. 1897.
- iv Elsie Ethylyn[9], b. 1900. Married and had twins William Carleton Adams and Clayton Woodman Adams who were born June 1909. It is not clear if Elsie E. married a man whose last name was Adams.

Notes:

1. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dockets #5207 and #5151.
2. Letters from Minnetta May Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921; letter from Lettie Lester Adams, 30 Broadway, Dover, NH, 28 Mar 1921; notes from Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, probably 1921; New Hampshire Vital Records, Marriages.

## William Brewster[8] (James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-54.** William Brewster was born 15 September 1856 in Chicago. He married Abbie Shepard Cross who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, about 7 July 1853, the daughter of Richard and Sophronia (Ball) Cross. Abbie died in Chicago 8 May 1906.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote that William B. "was in the railroad office business with Pullman and lost considerable in speculation." William B. might also have been connected with the Department of Public Works.

William B. described himself as 4 feet 4-1/2 inches (sic), 143 pounds with a light complexion and a Republican. Elijah Franklin, Jr. thought William B. was 5 feet 4-1/2 inches. He wrote, "He is a small, very short, but pleasant agreeable-looking man."

In 1921 William may have lived at 3421 Walnut Street in Chicago.(1)

*William B.'s children – all born in Chicago:*

**9-70** i Mabel[9], b. 4 Mar 1878.

**9-71** ii Jessie[9], b. 7 Jul 1886.

**9-72** iii Florence[9], b. 8 May 1889.

Note:

1. An undated laconic note from William Brewster probably in 1921; letter from Sue Kelley Woodman, 6008 Normal Blvd., Chicago, IL.

### James Edwin[8] (James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-55.** James Edwin was born 15 July 1859. The name of his first wife is unknown and they had no children. His second wife was Karla C. En Earl who was born 5 June 1862. She was the daughter of George and Elizabeth En Earl of Kingston, Canada, formerly of Erie, New York. They may have married at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "He is a confidential clerk for Ogden Armour [Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. is referring to the giant meat packer, I think]; presume he was in that position with P. D. Armour. However, when I met him in 1908 in the Armour offices of Chicago, he appeared to have charge of the traffic department. I remember him showing me the system he had by which he could instantly locate any of Armour's refrigerator cars, the shipper, contents, profits, earning hours, etc. He also very kindly showed me over the Armour office building – its ventilating system, etc. He is a small, rather good-looking typical business man. Light hair and eyes and is about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs only 150."(1)

*James Edwin's child:*

i Madge En Earl[9], b. 13 Feb 1898. Sue Kelley Woodman wrote in 1921 that Madge E. was engaged to be married.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Charles M.[8] (James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-56.** Charles M. was born 8 January 1869, perhaps after his father died. He married Sue C. Kelley in Chicago 10 July 1889. Sue was born 22 October 1870 in Oswego, New York, the daughter of John H. and Mary (Hammond) Kelley.

Charles M. was a ticket agent in Chicago for the Monon Rail Road for many years. In 1921 he was their assistant passenger agent. He was a member of the Normal Park Masonic Lodge #797. Charles described himself as a Republican who held "liberal" religious views. He was 5 feet 7-1/2 inches, weighed 155 pounds and had an olive complexion.

Sue C. was active in the affairs of the elderly. She participated in a plan to raise money for, and to build a home for the aged to be erected at Western Avenue and 113th Place to be known as Oakhaven. Sue served as field secretary for the organization. In 1921 they lived at 6808 Normal Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

*Charles M.'s child:*

**9-73** i Donald Brewster[9], b. 19 Jun 1893.

Note:

1. An undated biography form from Charles M. and letters from his wife Sue Kelley Woodman, 6808 Normal Blvd., Chicago, IL, 20 May 1921 and 8 Aug 1921.

**Sally Emma[8] (John Edgeley[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-57.** Sally Emma was born 14 May 1867 at Crystal Lake, Illinois. She attended Skinner School in Chicago, where she had always lived. She married William J. Smelzer 2 June 1896. William J. was born 12 April 1861 in Morton Grove, Illinois, the eldest of ten children. Sally E. wrote, "both [his] parents came from Germany when small, settled on a farm west of Chicago, fifteen miles out – people of good habits. No drunkards in family, thrifty Germans."

Sally Emma wrote that she, and her sisters, Isabel and Evangeline, were "very fine at sewing" and that she and Isabel were dressmakers for years. Sally wrote, "Sorry I am not better with the pen" (she was indeed, a terrible writer). "The needle is where I shine. [I] could make you a shirt quicker than write a letter. I made pants for the small boys in France when we were at war and put little letters in the pockets and received some answers written in French – very sad letters."

She and her husband owned a fine apartment house located between Leavitt Street and Oakley Boulevard, 2218 to 2224 Washington Boulevard – in Chicago. Sally was so proud of it she sent an advertising folder with a picture of the building.

"New, Highest Class Modern APARTMENTS, done in choicest Hardwoods," says the folder. The apartments were equipped with "Mahogany Hall Tree, Console, beautiful Mantel with Fireplace; Library Book Case Fixture; Mirrored Buffet Sideboard with Leaded French Plate Glass Doors, and Plate Rail in Dining Room. Porcelain Lavatories in Chambers."

Each apartment had "Elegant Enameled Bath Room with Medicine Case, Porcelain Fixtures, Mosaic Floor, full Nickeled Plumbing and Hardware." They also had "Gas Ranges, Refrigerators (iced from porches) . . . Electric Ceiling, Side and Drop Lights . . . The Building . . . is well ventilated," the ad continued, "and all Rooms are Sunny and as light as day."

Sally wrote proudly, "I would like to have a picture of our home (the apartment building) in the [genealogy] book as it represents 25 years work by Mr. S. and myself."

Unless Sally's apartment house has succumbed to fire or a wrecking ball, it is surely occupied and standing in 1990. Chicago has thousands of them – blocky, sturdy and solid; they were built to last.

Sally was very enthusiastic about the gathering of the family history. She wrote and called other family members, ragging at them to send in their material. And she furnished much information herself in many unreadable letters.

Sally E. was a Catholic and a Republican. She described herself as 5 feet 4 inches tall weighing 165 pounds with a light complexion.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. assisted her in becoming a member of the Chicago D.A.R. In October of 1922 Sally E. wrote that

***Apartment buildings belonging to Sally Emma (Woodman) Smeltzer— 2218-2224 Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 1921.***

she enjoyed the D.A.R. meeting immensely. "Our family are all enjoying the best of health," she wrote, "all live within twenty-five miles of each other so meet often through the year."(1)

*Sally E.'s child (named Smelzer):*

i William J., Jr.[9], b. 22 Jul 1905 in Chicago. In 1921 young William lived at home and attended school.

Note:

1. Letters from Sally Emma Smelzer, 2218 Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL, 22 Jun, 28 Jul, 21 Sep, 7 Oct, 22 Oct, 25 Nov; two biography sheets – all in 1921; letters 11 Oct 1922 and 19 Jul 1923.

### Isabel Mary[8] (John Edgeley[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-58.** Isabel (sometimes called Belle) Mary was born 3 September 1869 in Chicago where she attended the public schools. She married William H. Kist 4 October 1889 in Maywood, Illinois. William H. was born 21 May 1859 in Rochester, New York, the son of Andrew and Phoebe (Meyer) Kist. Andrew, a shoemaker, came to America from Germany as a young man; Phoebe came here from Germany when she was twelve. Andrew and Phoebe came West to Illinois in 1865 or '66.

William went to school, working on farms during the summer, until he went to Chicago at the age of seventeen. He worked in a grocery store in the daytime and attended business college at night, after which he worked a number of years as a bookkeeper and stenographer. In 1921 he was in the wholesale egg business.

Isabel M. and William had lived ten years in Maywood, five years in Roger's Park, thirteen years in Wilmette, all in Illinois. In 1921 they lived in Deerfield Illinois.

Like her sister Sally Emma, Isabel was an expert seamstress. She described herself as 5 feet 4 inches, weighed 140 pounds and blond – a Republican and member of the Congregational Church.(1)

*Isabel M.'s children (named Kist):*

i Isabel[9], b. 13 Feb 1891, m. Raymond L. Clairssen of Spencer, IA 9 Jun 1920. In 1921 they lived in Spencer.

ii Elno William[9], b. 1 Jul 1894; d. 15 Jun 1914.

iii Marlie Eugenia[9], b. 22 Apr 1901. On 21 May 1921 she m. Russell F. LaVelle of Chicago. They were living with Marlie's parents following the wedding.

Note:

1. An undated biography sheet and a letter from Isabel Kist, Deerfield, IL, 26 Aug 1921.

### James Monroe[8] (John Edgeley[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-59.** James Monroe was born 16 August 1870 in Chicago, where he attended the common schools. After the death of his father, his mother moved to Deerfield, Illinois, where he lived from 1884 to 1895.

James M.'s first job was that of a telegraph operator. By the time he married Elizabeth Matilda Just at Beloit, Wisconsin, on 10 June 1896, he was a printer living in Libertyville, Illinois. Elizabeth was born 3 March 1872 at Rockford, Illinois, the daughter of Christian J. and Alice J. (LaBarre) Just.(1)

After nine years in Libertyville, James M. moved to Waukegan, Illinois, in 1900 where he was living in 1921. For a time he was editor and publisher of a newspaper. James M. wrote, "During my newspaper work I published hundreds of my own poems and I am sending you three little books which I compiled for New Years greetings." James M. had also published the small pamphlets for the young sailors at the Great Lakes Training Station probably during World War I. The

poems are down-home and folksy in nature – like those James Whitcomb Riley would write.

By 1921 James M. operated the *James M. Woodman Co. Advertising Service,* at 332 South LaSalle Street in Chicago.

James M. wrote again in 1926. By then he had joined a publishing concern called *Mothers Home Life,* 630 West Jackson Boulevard in Chicago.

James M. described himself as 5 feet 7 inches, and weighing 170 pounds. He was a Congregationalist and a Republican.(2)

*James M.'s children – all born in Waukegan, Illinois:*

i Algine L.[9], b. 23 Dec 1897.
ii John E.[9], b. 6 Feb 1902.
iii James M.[9], b. 27 Dec 1905.

Notes:

1. Marriage Record, County Clerk, Rock Co., WI, 12:53, #266.
2. An undated 1921 biography sheet; letters from James M. 21 May, 3 Jun, 15 Jun 1921; letter 12 Apr 1926; a book of poems.

## John Edgeley[8] (John Edgeley[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-60.** John Edgeley was born 3 February 1873 in Chicago, Illinois. His father died when he was eight and he accompanied his mother to Deerfield, Illinois, where he attended the common schools with a year at high school in Highland Park, Illinois.

"From [age] fourteen to seventeen I did a man's work and looked a team of horses in the tail from sunrise to sunset working on different farms at Deerfield," wrote John E. " . . . Then at seventeen I got a job at $15 a month in the auditor's office of the C.&N.W.R.R.; three years later I changed to the C.&A.R.R. and was transferred to the passenger office in St. Louis where I became chief clerk."

John E. went into advertising in 1897, returning to Chicago in 1906 where he represented and controlled national advertising in daily newspapers. He wrote:

> I followed in my father's footsteps and enjoyed bachelorhood until I was past forty, but I have tamed down considerably in the past five years. [John E. married the widow, Mrs. Helen Funk Heafer at Joliet, Illinois, 9 October 1915. Helen was born 10 December 1884 at Bloomington, Illinois, the daughter of Isaac and Frances (Carrell) Funk.]
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> My wife was educated at Monticello Seminar, Godfrey, Illinois, and finished at National Park Seminary, Washington, DC. My wife owns 400 acres at Funks Grove, Illinois, that is in the great corn belt and it is a real farm. She comes from the Funks who inherited 25,000 acres from her grandfather, Isaac Funk, who was a state senator and one of the greatest farmers this country ever produced.
>
> I am president of Cone, Hunton & Woodman; vice-president of Harry B. Clark Company, publishers of *Corn Belt Farmer,* Des Moines, Iowa; director of Newport Boiler Company, Chicago. I am vice-president of Briergate Golf Club of Deerfield, member of Chicago Athletic Association (club) and the Three Score and Ten Club of Chicago. I am one of the owners of *Mother's Magazine* which has a circulation of 700,000.
>
> I live on a farm of seventy acres at Deerfield and am lucky to make my taxes on it, but it affords me rest and quiet from my daily labors in the city.
>
> What little I have in worldly knowledge was gleaned in the school of hard knocks . . . I now own a farm on which, as a boy, I worked for fifty cents a day . . . (my wife's) family had the dough but our folks had more pride . . . But you can't keep the Woodmans down thru poverty, adversity or any other obstacle. They have the guts – to use a vulgar expression and that's what counts.
>
> The good Lord has suffered me to prosper and I am grateful for the joys I have gotten out of life so far.
>
> Now that's tooting my own horn some, but you wanted facts so there you are!

John E. described himself as 5 feet 7-1/2 inches, 185 pounds with a dark complexion. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, Republican and a Presbyterian.

*John E.'s child:*

i Jack Barry[9], b. 18 Aug 1917 at Wilmette, IL.

Note:

1. Biography form 20 Jun 1921 and letters 9 Jun, 1 Jul 1921, *Cone, Hunton & Woodman, Inc,* Publishers' Representatives, 72 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL.

**Evangeline[8] (John Edgeley[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-61.** Evangeline was born 16 June 1879. She married George Watier 24 April 1898. George was born in Chicago 2 April 1878 of French parents.

Evangeline died 18 December 1915 leaving four young children. In 1921 George and the children lived in Maywood, Illinois.(1)

*Evangeline's children (named Watier):*

i Amedee[9], b. 16 Sep 1899, Maywood, IL.

**9-74** ii Florence[9], b. 7 Feb 1902.

iii Eugenia Augusta[9], b. 7 Jul 1904 in Maywood, IL.

iv Charles Herbert[9], b. 24 Feb 1908 in Maywood.

Note:

1. An undated biography sheet from Sally Emma Smelzer, 2218 Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL.

**Sarah Ann Sherburne[8] (Hannah Rebecca Woodman Sherburne[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-62.** Sarah Ann was born 14 October 1862; she married Nehemiah Randall 29 January 1886.(1)

*Sarah Ann's children (named Randall):*

i Elmer G.[9], b. 1 Jun 1887; d. Apr 1889.

ii Emma Z.[9], b. 23 Oct 1889; d. 30 Dec 1919.

Note:

1. A letter from Elizabeth Ida Sherburne Snell, Dover, NH, 12 Apr 1921.

**Elizabeth Ida Sherburne[8] (Hannah Rebecca Woodman Sherburne[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-63.** Elizabeth Ida was born 29 October 1866. She married Louis Hanson Snell 29 April 1891. Louis H. was born 25 September 1859, the son of Nehemiah C. and Martha (Hanson) Snell. Louis H. died 11 April 1920.(1)

*Elizabeth I.'s children (named Snell):*

i Norman Isaac[9], b. 18 Jul 1892.

ii Nehemiah Roy[9], b. 14 Apr 1898. He was a lumber dealer at Dover, NH.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 346; a letter from Elizabeth Ida Sherburne Snell, Dover, NH, 12 Apr 1921.

**Artha Maud Sherburne[8] (Hannah Rebecca Woodman Sherburne[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-64.** Artha Maud was born 6 January 1870. She married David Fogg 21 November 1892. Artha

M.'s sister, Elizabeth I., wrote that Artha had ten children, eight of them were living in 1921.

*Artha M.'s children (named Fogg):*[1]

i Sherburne H.[9], b. 20 Dec 1893.
ii Anna R.[9], b. 4 Feb 1896.
iii Leander H.[9], b. 4 Feb 1898.
iv Leola M.[9], b. 4 May 1900.
v Elmer Kenneth[9], b. 3 Aug 1903.
vi An infant[9], b. 10 Jun 1904; d. 29 Jul 1904.
vii Lloyd W.[9], b. 16 Jul 1905.
viii Clyde B.[9], b. 26 Dec 1907.
ix Emily[9], b. 19 Mar 1910.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 192; letter from Elizabeth Ida Sherburne Snell, Dover, NH, 12 Apr 1921.

## Dexter E.[8] (Dexter Eaton[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-65.** Dexter Eaton, Jr. married Margaret Walke in Chicago and died when he was thirty-two.

*Dexter Eaton, Jr.'s children:*

i Clinton[9], d. before 1921.
ii Dexter Francis[9]. In 1921 Sally Emma Smelzer wrote, "Dexter Francis, about 13 years old, lives in Chicago in a school. His mother married again." Two months later Sally E. wrote again, "Another thing I've dug up about Dexter Woodman's boy, Francis goes by the name of "Janson." Is in St. Mary's Home for Boys in Des Plaines, IL. Put there when she (Margaret) left her second husband and went to work."[1]

Note:
1. Letters from Sally Emma Woodman Smelzer, 2218 Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL, 28 Jul and 21 Sep 1921.

## Emeline C.[8] (Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-66.** Emeline C. (Emma C.) Martha E. Davis (Martha E.'s brother called her "Emma Martha") wrote, "Aunt Emma was married to Edmond Davis in Canada in 1848. They went to California by steamer around Cape Horn and went to live at Grass Valley, California. She died in 1896, age seventy-four. They are buried at Oakland Cemetery." Edmond may have been Emeline C.'s cousin.

Edmond was Surveyor General of Mines of Nevada. Charles F. Sargent wrote in 1921 about Emma C. and her family. "Now all are dead, except two grandchildren (who) survive and live in Oakland, California."

*Emma's children (named Davis):*[1]

i Fred[9], m. Sadie Sprague; he d. in 1908 of paralysis at Fitsburg. Martha E. called him an "expert accountant." He had no children. (Martha E. Davis was a terrible writer; it is nearly impossible to read her writing.) I found no town called "Fitsburg." (Did she mean "Fitchburg" which is part of Oakland?)

**9-75** ii Charles[9].

Note:
1. Letter from Martha E. Davis, 230 Clinton Park St., San Francisco, CA, 4 Oct 1921; letters from Charles F. Sargent, Bay Street Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 1921.

**Ruhamah[8] (Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-67.** Ruhamah married Otis L. Fern 18 January 1846 at Lowell, Massachusetts. They lived at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Both lived to a good age.(1)

*Ruhamah's child (named Fern):*

i Edwin[9], d. about age twenty-two.

Note:

1. Lowell, MA, Marriage Vital Records; letters from Charles F. Sargent, Bay State Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 23 Aug 1921, and undated one.

**Harriet Cilley[8] (Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-68.** Harriet Cilley married Colonel Lorenzo Dow Sargent of Windham, New Hampshire, 25 August 1847 at Lowell, Massachusetts.(1)

Soon after the marriage, Lorenzo joined the California Gold Rush. When he returned to the East about 1851, they moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he became an overseer in the Atlantic Mills. When the Civil War began, he enlisted in Company B, 41 Infantry of the Massachusetts Volunteers and was mustered out as a colonel in the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry.

After the war, he started the cotton mills in Shirley, Massachusetts, but returned to Lawrence where he had a lumber yard and box mill until 1881. He was a very prominent leading man of Lawrence, filling many offices of the city during his early life. Shortly before his death, 19 October 1882, Lorenzo went to California for his health and died there. His body was returned to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he was buried. Harriet C. died 15 October 1895.

*Harriet's children (named Sargent):*

**9-76** i Hattie Martha[9], b. 8 Jan 1849.

ii Lorenzo Dow, Jr.[9], b. 10 Dec 1852; m. Florence A. Robertson of Oxford, OH. In 1921 he was a physician at Haverhill, MA. No children.

iii Martha Emma[9] (Emma Martha?), b. 10 Nov 1854. She called herself Martha E. and she wrote, " . . . I traveled with my Father for his health one year before he died in the year of 1880-1881. And I remained here in California and married here in 1881, September 8 to a George F. Stearns, occupation wheat weigher and supt. of the warehouse, a Lawrence man. No children . . . Divorced in 1900 and married to William Davis in 1902, January 10. A sail maker by occupation, has shop and there was plenty of work to keep fifteen men goen [going] through the Alaska Gold Rush and through the War Cuba and Philippines [sic] and World War. He has retired at the age of seventy-two to rest . . . We was all down and out for three years after the earthquake 1906." Martha had no children. Martha E. was a dreadful writer. Her letter was nearly impossible to decipher.

iv Ella R.[9], b. 11 Nov 1856; d. 22 Jun 1857.

v Charles Frederick[9], b. 31 Aug 1858; m. Emily A. Barnes, 26 Dec 1895, the widow of John Thomas. Charles was Senator of the Fifth Essex District in 1899. In 1921 he was Lt. Col., U.S. Property and Disbursing Office, Massachusetts State House, Boston. No children.

**9-77** vi Minnie C.[9], b. 1860.

Note:

1. Letter from Lt. Col. Chas. F. Sargent, Bay State Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 10 Aug 1921 and 23 Aug 1921; biography form from Hattie Martha Hall, RFD, Burnham, ME, 17 Sep 1921.

**Freeman R. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-69.** Freeman R., born 12 June 1825; married Elizabeth Langley.

*Freeman R.'s children (named Langmaid):*[(1)]

i Sarah[9].
ii Charles[9].
iii Ella[9].
iv Frank[9], resided at Newburyport, MA in 1921.
v Abbie[9], m. Mr. Teague; resided at Beverly, MA in 1921.
vi Effie[9], m. Mr. McKay; resided at Beverly, MA in 1921.
vii Harry[9].
viii Eugene[9].

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Albert M. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-70.** Albert M., born 1 August 1827; married Elizabeth Berry.[(1)]

*Albert's children (named Langmaid):*

i Frank[9], lived at Portland, ME in 1921.
ii Eugene[9], lived at Portland, ME in 1921.

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**John F. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-71.** John F. was born 15 December 1831.[(1)]

*John F.'s child (named Langmaid):*

i Alice Lang[9] of Portland, ME.

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Deborah W. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-72.** Deborah W., born 7 December 1835; married Warren Cowdry.[(1)]

*Deborah W.'s child (named Cowdry):*

i Orrin[9].

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Alonzo E. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-73.** Alonzo E., born 28 December 1841; married Izetta Wiggin of Lee, New Hampshire, in 1866. Alonzo lived on R #5, Dover, New Hampshire, in 1921. It is he who furnished all the material about his family.[(1)]

*Alonzo's children (named Langmaid):*

i Frank[9], b. 29 Jul 1868; d. 21 Feb 1892.
ii Jennie[9], b. 4 Oct 1869; d. 7 May 1888; m. James Smith in 1887.

**9-78** iii Ella[9], b. 9 May 1872.
iv Charles[9], b. 27 Dec 1882; m. Annie Wormell, 30 May 1912. Lived on R #5, Dover, NH. No children in 1921.

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

### True W. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-74.** True W., born 1 April 1844; married Nellie Hussey in 1867.
*True W.'s children (named Langmaid):*[(1)]

**9-79** i Florence[9].
**9-80** ii Ada[9].
iii Orrin[9].

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

### Charlotte F. Langmaid[8] (Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-75.** Charlotte F., born 8 June 1846; married Gilbert Langley, of Barrington, New Hampshire, in 1864. Charlotte lived at Ayers Village, Haverhill, Massachusetts in 1921.
*Charlotte's children (named Langley):*[(1)]

**9-81** i Percy[9].
ii Lester[9], m. Alice James. Lived in Haverhill, MA in 1921.
iii A daughter[9].

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

### George E. Durgin[8] (Hannah Woodman Durgin[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-76.** George E. was born 13 May 1831; he married Lydia A. Mathes 19 April 1854. His daughter Ella G. wrote, "My father George was a schoolteacher many years and then he was Register of Probate for Strafford County (in Dover, NH) two years and then was appointed Clerk of the Superior Court which position he held twenty-eight years or till his last sickness."
Lydia A. died 5 August 1893; George E. died 30 September 1904.
*George E.'s child (named Durgin):*[(1)]
i Ella G.[9], b. 20 Mar 1856. Ella G. was a schoolteacher for many years. By 1921 she had traveled extensively. I think she never married.

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet from Ella G. Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH, 1921.

### Charles C. Durgin[8] (Hannah Woodman Durgin[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-77.** Charles C., born 20 November 1832; died 20 December 1861; married Olive Littlefield. All were dead before 1921.
*Charles C.'s child (named Durgin):*[(1)]
i Walter[9].

Note:
1. Undated biography sheet from Ella G. Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH, 1921.

### John Augustus Durgin[8] (Hannah Woodman Durgin[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-78.** John Augustus was born 30 August 1835. John A. married a first wife. His daughter Augusta wrote, "I know nothing of my father's first wife except that Ella [Augusta's cousin, Ella Durgin] thinks she and her son are both dead. I personally would be glad to have that chapter omitted. It really was an incident outside of our direct genealogy and was no part of our family life . . . My father married my mother, Lilla Dickerson Leonard in 1872 . . . My father died in 1884 and my mother in 1920."

*John A. and first wife's child (named Durgin):*(1)

i A son[9] whose whereabouts were unknown in 1921.

*John A. and Lilla D.'s children:*

ii Augusta[9]. She lived at 2111 82nd St. Brooklyn, NY in 1921. Never married.

**9-82** iii Lila[9].

Note:

1. A letter from Augusta Durgin, 2111 82nd St., Brooklyn, NY, 15 Nov 1921.

### Walter F. Durgin[8] (Hannah Woodman Durgin[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-79.** Walter F., born 8 August 1850; died 29 May 1909; married first, Fannie Lock (?). Married second wife.(1)

*Walter F. and Fannie's child (named Durgin):*

i Georgia[9].

*Walter F. and second wife's child:*

ii Walter[9].

Note:

1. Undated family biography from Ella G. Durgin, 157 Locust, Dover, NH, 1921.

### Charles Carroll[8] (Joseph[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-80.** Charles Carroll was born 28 May 1845 at Great Falls (now Somersworth), New Hampshire. A graduate of Dartmouth, he was a teacher and principal of a grammar school in Worcester, Massachusetts. Augusta Durgin thought Charles married a woman named Henrietta. Ella Durgin called her "Etta." "Etta," she wrote, "became insane. She outlived Charles."

Charles died 26 October 1890.

*Charles' child:*(1)

i Francis Joseph's writing is not clear, but I think it is a son named "Adelbert." Ellen LeGro Tenney wrote, "Charles Carroll had one child – a boy who died before he did."(2)

Notes:

1. Rev. George T. Chapman, D.D., *Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College,* Riverside Press, Cambridge, MA, 1867, p. 476; biography sheet from Francis Joseph Woodman, 634 A St. N.E., Washington, DC, 30 Sep 1909; letter from Ella Durgin, 157 Locust St., Dover, NH, 20 Sep 1921.
2. Letter from Ellen LeGro Tenney, 72 Menand Road, Albany, NY, 19 Apr 1921.

### Francis Joseph[8] (Joseph[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-81.** Francis Joseph was born 7 August 1851 at Somersworth, New Hampshire. Francis graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1872, took an AB from Yale University in 1876, and graduated from Columbian (now George Washington) University as an M.D. in 1885. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in college. After graduation he

took charge of the Somersworth *Free Press* and, at the same time, pursued his career in medicine.

He married Jennie Whitmore Cutter on 30 June 1884, at Washington, DC. Jennie was born 22 December 1858, at Standish, Maine, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Zelpha A. (Whitmore) Cutter.

Francis had a distinguished career. In 1879 he secured a position in the U.S. Bureau of Pension Office in Washington, DC, and by the time of his death he was its chief medical examiner. He practiced medicine in Washington, DC, and had been an officer and surgeon in the District of Columbia National Guard since 1889; his last known commission was that of major. Francis J. wrote, "[I had] been commissioned by three different [Republican] Presidents. The last one, Pres. Wm. F. Taft was in Yale at the same time I was."

Francis was deeply involved in the Masonic Lodge. Of the many offices he held, he was Grand Master of Masons the District of Columbia, 1907; a 33rd Degree Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.; Grand Tyler of the Supreme Council of the same Rite; and a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland. In addition, he was a past-president of the Order of Anointed High Priests.

Francis Joseph was a lay deacon and vestryman of the St. James Protestant Episcopal Church of the District of Columbia, a member of the I.O.O.F. #12 Lodge, a gifted musician and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Francis J. described himself as 5 feet 11 3/4 inches tall, 200 pounds, a Christian and a Republican <u>always</u> (the underlining is his).

"I seem to be the last of my family – my two boys having died," Francis Joseph wrote in 1909. He died at his home in Washington, DC, 28 July 1916 after a long illness. Jennie died 21 January 1921.

*Francis J.'s children:*

i LeGros[9], b. 30 Dec 1886; d. 4 Nov 1892.
ii Francis Joseph, Jr.[9], b. 15 Feb 1890; d. 2 Jan 1907.

They are all buried in the town cemetery on Maple Street in Somersworth, New Hampshire. Tailor Joe and his wife Sarah, and two of their little boys; with them are Francis J. and Jennie and their sons.

Note:

1. Undated biography form and letter 30 Sep 1909 from Francis Joseph Woodman, 634 A St. N.E., Washington, DC; *Granite Monthly,* Vol. 48 #9, Sep 1916, pp. 286-287; SAR application; cemetery record.

## Asa Dunbar Edgar[8] (Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-82.** Asa Dunbar was born 9 November 1818 in Boscawen, New Hampshire. His son George Herbert, calling him Asa Dunbar Edgar, wrote, "[He] moved to Laconia, New Hampshire when about a year old – and there he lived until married."(1)

Asa Dunbar Edgar, said to be of Nashville (Nashua), New Hampshire, and his second wife, Sarah Miles, were married by the Reverend Wm. H. Rider on 8 July 1847. She was born about 2 October 1826, in Calais, Vermont, the daughter of Elihu and Sally (Bliss) Miles. Elihu was born in New Hampshire and Sally in Vermont.(2)

Asa Dunbar's first marriage must have failed, but I have no record of a divorce. Horatio Leroy wrote, "My grandmother's name was Emily Woodman, maiden name Emily Cole. I am not sure about the year she died in but it must [have] been about 1889 or 1890."(3)

On 3 September 1846 Asa Dunbar Edgar paid $800.00 to his brother Elbridge G. for ninety acres in Meredith, New Hampshire. It was land Elbridge bought from their parents Daniel and

Eunice and excepted the life estates of Daniel and Andrew. Elbridge G.'s wife Mary A. signed the deed.(4)

On 9 March 1849 Asa Dunbar Edgar sold back the land he bought of Elbridge G. in 1846. The land he paid $800.00 for three years before was now worth $2,000.00.(5) That year, his son said, Asa Dunbar Edgar went West to look for gold. George Herbert Woodman wrote of his father, "he had quite a varied experience as he was among the '49ers."(6)

It isn't clear when Asa D. went to Vermont, or what he did there, but he was in the state by March of 1853 when their son Charles H. was born; in 1860 they were in Northfield, Washington County, Vermont.(7)

Asa D. inherited $1000.00 from his brother Elbridge G. in 1899. By 1900, Asa, eighty and Sarah, seventy-two had settled in Wilmington, Massachusetts where Asa D., called a retired machinist, died 19 April 1912. Sarah buried him in Wildwood Cemetery there in Wilmington. She followed him to Wildwood 7 March 1918. He had lived to the age of ninety-three years, five months, ten days; she was ninety-one years, five months, five days.(8)

Horatio Leroy wrote, "My grandfather Asa Dunbar Woodman, was a machinist, and worked a great part of his life for the Boston & Lowell Rail Road and the Boston & Maine Rail Road."(9)

*Asa D. and Emily's child:*(10)

**9-83** i Asa Dunbar[9], b. 26 Jul 1836.

*Asa and Sarah's children:*

**9-84** ii Charles H.[9], b. about Mar 1853.

iii Sarah May[9], b. 30 Sep 1858 in Middlesex, Washington Co., VT. Called Sadie by the family, George Herbert Woodman wrote in October 1921, "My sister Sarah is dead – died 8 years ago this month."(11)

iv George Herbert[9] wrote that he was b. 7 Sep 1864 at Windsor, VT (his death record gives his birthplace as Montpelier). When his Uncle Elbridge Gerry d. in 1899 George H. inherited $500.00.(12)

When the census was taken in 1900 George H. was living in Wilmington, MA with his mother and father. In 1903, on 3 (or 11) March, George H. m. Harriet Ellen Morse, a teacher, of Plymouth, NH. Harriet E. was b. there 4 (or 26) May 1866, the daughter of Samuel M. and Eliza (Cochrane) Morse who were also of Plymouth.(13)

George H. wrote, "have been connected with railroad business nearly all my life. Have been in passenger service 36 [years] – for 25 years [I] served as passenger conductor, in which capacity I am now serving. Married – no children."(14)

Harriet E., called a resident of thirty-five years, d. in Wilmington 15 Dec 1936. George H. followed two years later, dying 18 Oct 1938.(15) When George's estate was settled he had no widow or children. His heirs were his nieces, the daughters of his brother Charles H.(16)

Notes:

1. A letter from George Herbert Woodman, Wilmington, MA, 6 Oct 1921; letter from Horatio Leroy Woodman, 408 W. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, IN, 18 Sep 1921.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records; Sarah's death record, Massachusetts Dept. of Health, Boston, MA, 1891 to present, 1918 130:374.
3. Horatio Leroy Woodman, 18 Sep 1921.
4. Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, Laconia, NH, 12:412.
5. Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, 14:6.
6. George Herbert Woodman letter, 6 Oct 1921.
7. 1900 U.S. Census for Charles H. Woodman of Lowell, MA; 1860 U.S. Census VT.
8. Hillsborough Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Nashua, NH; 1900 U.S. Census; Massachusetts Vital Records 1891 to present. Dept. of Health, Boston, 1912 104:416; 1918 130:374.
9. Horatio Leroy letter.

10. Letters from Horatio L. and George Herbert Woodman.
11. Morman Church Records.
12. Hillsborough Co. Probate Records, Docket #18034.
13. *History of Plymouth, NH,* Vol. II, p. 475; Harriet E.'s death record.
14. Letter from George H. Woodman, Wilmington, MA, 6 Oct 1921.
15. Massachusetts Vital Records, 1891 – present, Dept. of Health, Boston, MA, 1936 92:206; 1938 87:524.
16. Middlesex Co., MA Probate Records, Cambridge, MA, Docket #224758.

## Daniel C.[8] (Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-83.** Daniel C. was born about 1831. At the age of nineteen he was living with his parents in Meredith, New Hampshire.(1) He married Betsey L. Peabody at Meredith 8 October 1853. Betsey was born in Woodstock, New Hampshire, 2 August 1830, the daughter of Asa D. and Sally (Young) Peabody.(2)

On 20 October 1864, about six months before the Civil War ended, Daniel C. was enrolled as a 1st. lieutenant in Company A, 13 Regiment of Kentucky Heavy Artillery Colored Volunteers.

Dr. David Prescott wrote, "I was well acquainted with Daniel C. Woodman for twelve years previous to his death and that up to the time he went to the war he was in excellent health and had no disease of any kind whatever. The next time I saw him was in March 1865 when he came home on a furlough. He was sick with chronic diarrhea . . . and was under my treatment. He also had intermittent fever. I advised him when he returned to his Regt. that he was unfit for duty . . . I regarded his case as a bad one . . . He was discharged . . . and after he came home he was under my treatment for chronic diarrhea up to the time of his death."

The assistant surgeon of Daniel C.'s outfit deposed, " . . . during all said time [Daniel] was laboring under chronic diarrhea from which disease he was suffering when he was discharged." Daniel C. came home to Laconia, New Hampshire, after he was discharged 12 June 1865 and he died there 19 March 1866. Two days later Betsey L. gave birth to their second living child.(3)

Betsey L. applied for a military pension for the two boys and in 1870, on 14 May, she married Moses Sanborn of Gilford, New Hampshire. In June 1884, Betsey L. made an application to the Belknap County, New Hampshire, Probate Court. During the last May term up in Grafton County, at Plymouth, New Hampshire, she told them, she had divorced Sanborn. Now, she said, she wanted to change her name back to Woodman and the wish was granted.(4)

When Betsey's brother-in-law Elbridge G. Woodman died in Wilton, New Hampshire, in 1899, he left her $500.00.(5) She was living in Concord, New Hampshire, when she died 8 February 1904, thirty-nine years after Daniel C. Her son Daniel C., Jr., was appointed administrator of her estate, which curiously, was not settled until 1913.(6)

*Daniel C.'s children:*(7)

i Infant[9].

ii Infant[9]. In Daniel C.'s military pension record, Betsey L. deposed that they had two children who died before their father.

**9-85** iii Daniel C.[9], b. 8 Aug 1857.

iv Elbridge G.[9], named for his uncle, was born in Laconia, NH, on 21 Mar 1866 – two days after his father died. When this uncle Elbridge G.[8] died in 1899 in Wilton, NH, this young Elbridge inherited $1000.00.(8)

On 24 Nov 1890, at Concord, NH, he married twenty-one-year-old Jeannette Young who was born in Alton, NH, the daughter of Charles E. Young. In 1900 he and Jeannette and his mother Betsey L. were living at 27 N. Spring St. in Concord, NH.(9)

Elbridge G. died there two years later on 29 August 1902. There are two death records in the

New Hampshire Vital Records. Both are identified except one report adds that Elbridge G. was a lawyer and that his previous residence was New Hampton, NH. There are no probate records for him. He probably had no children.(10)

Following Elbridge's death, Jeannette may have married his brother Daniel C., though there is no certainty of this. Daniel C.'s first wife died in 1910; When Daniel C. made his will in 1921, he called his wife "Jeannette."(11)

Notes:

1. 1850 U.S. Census, Meredith, NH.
2. Daniel's Military Pension Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC; Betsey's New Hampshire Vital Records Death Record.
3. Pension Record; Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #2087 and #2455.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records; Pension Record; Belknap Co. Probate Record, Docket #3888.
5. Hillsborough Co., NH, Docket #18034.
6. Merrimack Co., NH, Concord, NH, Docket #23081.
7. Pension Record.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records; Daniel C.'s Pension Record; Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #18034.
9. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1900 U.S. Census Record, Concord, NH.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records.
11. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #42974.

### John Pierce[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-84.** John Pierce was born 13 June 1824 in Boscawen, New Hampshire.(1) Said to be a carpenter, he bought land in Manchester, New Hampshire, in December of 1847.(2)

On 14 February 1848 John P. married Lucretia M. Bunton of Manchester. Born about 1824, she was the daughter of Andrew and Lucinda Bunton.(3) Twenty-seventh December 1849 John and Lucretia M. sold a lot in Manchester and two months later John P. was dead – at the age of twenty-five, and Lucretia was pregnant. She buried him beside his grandparents in the family cemetery in Belmont, New Hampshire and asked the courts to appoint an administrator to settle John P.'s affairs.(4) When the 1850 U.S. Census was taken, she and her two-month-old son were living with her parents in Manchester. On 1 April 1850 or 1851, Lucretia married Franklin Goss of Epsom, New Hampshire.(5)

*John P.'s child:*

**9-86** i John P., Jr.[9], b. 30 Jun 1850.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
2. Hillsborough Co., Nashua, NH, Reg. of Deeds, 248:1.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
4. Hillsborough Co. Probate Records, Docket #010116.
5. Brides Index of New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Henrietta Curtis[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-85.** Henrietta Curtis was born 31 August 1826. In 1850 she was living with her parents in Gilmanton, New Hampshire.(1) The next year, on 10 April 1851 she married George Patterson in Quincy, Massachusetts. George, a farmer and stonecutter, was born in Scotland. After living twelve years in Gilmanton, they moved to Sanbornton, New Hampshire.(2)

They were living in Sanbornton when Henrietta C., calling herself the wife of George

Patterson, signed the land deed to her sister Josephine Sayward who was to care for Henrietta's parents Andrew and Hannah for their life.(3)

George, about sixty years old, died 4 September 1880, of "lingering consumption."

*Henrietta's children (named Patterson):*

i George Woodman[9], b. 29 Jul 1852. In 1904 he lived in Sanbornton, and inherited $50.00 from the wife of his Uncle Ebenezer French Woodman.

ii Lewis Fremont[9], b. 15 Sep 1855. In June 1876 he m. Clara J. Gilman who was b. 14 Nov 1856, the daughter of John C. and Lydia (Philbrick) Gilman. Lewis F. was a weaver in Laconia, NH.(4)

9-87 iii Mary Jane[9], b. 26 Apr 1859.

iv Henrietta Celestia[9], b. 25 Jan 1862.

v Grace Georgianna[9], b. 27 May 1866. She probably did not marry. In 1921 she called herself Patterson, and she lived at 69 Baldwin St., Laconia, NH.(5)

In 1904 Grace G. of Sanbornton, NH, inherited $50.00 from her Aunt Harriet E., wife of Ebenezer French Woodman, "as a testimonial of my appreciation of her kindness in the care of my husband during his last illness."

Notes:
1. 1850 U.S. Census of Gilmanton, NH.
2. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
3. Belknap Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 55:230.
4. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 311.
5. A letter from Grace G. Patterson, 16 Aug 1921; Belknap Probate Record, Docket #7304.

## Louisa Isabella[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

8-86. Louisa Isabella, a twin, was born 22 July 1828 in Boscawen, New Hampshire. She married Daniel Tucker French of Belmont, New Hampshire, 23 February 1847.(1) He was born in Belmont 18 May 1824. His daughter Adelaide F. Bean wrote, "[my father was] a farmer and meat dealer. [He] held offices in town and church [Methodist]."(2)

Louisa and Daniel were living in Upper Gilmanton, New Hampshire, in 1871 when they signed the deed giving the home place to Louisa's sister Josephine if she would care for her aging parents, Andrew and Hannah.(3)

Later they moved to Salem, Massachusetts, where Louisa Isabella French died 3 January 1905 and was buried in Greenlawn. He died 4 February 1907, and was buried beside Louisa. When Louisa I. died, her address was 15 Symonds Street, Salem, Massachusetts.(4)

*Louisa's children (named French):*(5)

9-88 i Adelaide Frances[9], b. 14 Sep 1849.

ii Georgetta[9], b. 21 Jun 1859; d. 2 Jul 1868.

9-89 iii Isabella May[9], b. 9 Mar 1862.

iv George Stores[9], b. 16 May 1852; d. 30 Jul 1856.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
2. A letter from Adelaide Frances Bean, Asbury Grove, MA, 31 Aug 1921.
3. Belknap Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, 55:230.
4. Adelaide Frances Bean's letter; Massachusetts Vital Records, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA, Deaths Salem 1905, 80:6.
5. Letters from Adelaide F., 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA 31 Aug and 9 Sep 1921.

**Lovilla Equilla[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-87.** Lovilla Equilla was born 22 July 1828, a twin of Louisa Isabella. She married Joseph Glover Johnson of East Tilton, New Hampshire, 1 August 1847. Joseph, born 25 July 1821, and Lovilla E. were in Quincy, Massachusetts, before they moved to Concord, New Hampshire, in May 1867. There he was a foreman at the Granite Company, which engaged in stonecutting.(1)

The year following the move to Concord, Lovilla and Joseph G. signed the land deed giving Lovilla's sister the old home place in exchange for caring for her aging parents.(2)

Joseph died in Concord 27 June 1879. On 20 November 1881 Lovilla became the third wife of Benaiah Plaisted of Meredith, New Hampshire, who was born 25 October 1820, the son of Samuel and Nancy Plaisted. Benaiah died 8 December 1902 and Lovilla followed shortly on 6 January 1904.(3)

*Lovilla and Joseph G.'s children (named Johnson):*(4)

i Villetta Florence[9], b. 22 Aug 1851 in Quincy, MA. She m. Frank P. Mace, a merchant. Both were dead by 1921. She was guardian of her sister Louisa in 1904.

ii Orlando Vincent[9], b. 4 Jul 1855 in Quincy, MA. He m. Bertha Salina York at Concord, 24 Aug 1878. Bertha was b. 7 Feb 1863 in Lewiston, ME.

**9-90** iii Eva Estelle[9], b. 24 Aug 1858.

iv Louisa Frances[9], b. 5 Dec 1860 in Quincy; d. about 1919. In 1904 Harriet E. Woodman left money to a Louise Johnson in 1904, who was confined in an insane asylum. Louisa's sister Villeta Johnson Mace was her guardian.(5)

v Harriet Newell[9], b. 15 May 1865 in Quincy. She m. Amasa (sic) H. Clark at Concord, NH, in 1896. Adelaide Bean wrote that Harriet moved to CA.(6)

vi Mabel[9], b. 18 Aug 1869 in Concord, NH. She was dead before 1921.

vii Fred Lincoln[9], b. 8 Jun 1872 in Concord. Adelaide Bean wrote, "Fred, the youngest, still lives in Concord, NH, and is in the automobile business."

Notes:

1. *The History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861; *The History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 406.
2. Belknap Co., NH, Reg. of Deeds, Vol. 55:230.
3. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. I, p. 406; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 67, pp. 273-274; letter from Adelaide Frances Bean, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA, 15 Sep 1921.
4. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. I, p. 406; a letter from Adelaide F. Bean.
5. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Docket #7304.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records Brides List.

**Elizabeth Cordelia[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-88.** Elizabeth Cordelia was born 5 March 1836 in Gilmanton, New Hampshire. She married Appleton Prentiss Clark, a Boston merchant, 11 January 1855. Appleton was born 19 April 1826, the son of Charlotte Prentiss Clark.

Elizabeth C. lived in Washington, DC, when she signed the deed giving her sister Josephine the home farm in exchange for the life-care of their parents, Andrew and Hannah. In 1882 she lived at 2204 1/2 S. N.W. in Washington.(1)

*Elizabeth's children (named Clark):*(2)

i Allen Cutting[9], b. 23 Feb 1858. In 1880 he was an attorney in Washington, DC.

ii Paul[9], b. 7 Jul 1864; d. 23 Sep 1864.

iii Appleton Prentiss[9], b. 13 Nov 1865, was an architect.

**9-91** iv Gilbert Andrew[9], b. 13 Jul 1871.

Adelaide Frances Bean wrote in 1921 that all the boys were married and had children.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861; *Prentice, Prentiss, Prentis Family* Genealogy Book (I have lost remainder of reference); Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, 55:230; 1850 U.S. Census of Gilmanton, NH.
2. *History of Sanbornton,* Vol. II, p. 861; a letter from Adelaide F. Bean, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA, 15 Sep 1921.

## George Andrew[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-89.** George Andrew was born 24 or 25 May 1838 in Gilmanton, New Hampshire. When the U.S. Census was taken in 1850, George was listed in the home of his parents and again in the home of his sister Louisa Woodman French.(1)

George A. was a nineteen-year-old stonecutter when on 24 September 1857 in Quincy, Massachusetts, he married Hannah Abigail H. Tilton. Hannah A. was born about 15 January 1835 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, the daughter of Joseph and Abigail Tilton.(2)

On 6 September 1866 George A. and Hannah A. bought one-half acre and buildings in Upper Gilmanton, New Hampshire, which was totally mortgaged.(3) The very next year George A. died on 23 June 1867 in Belmont, New Hampshire. He was called a "devoted husband and father."(4) George A. and Hannah's third child had died a year before. Now she faced the loss of her husband; left with an eleven-year-old, a seven-year-old, and pregnant with a child who would be born three months after her husband's death.

It isn't clear why Hannah A. waited until January of 1871 to settle George A.'s estate. Following an inventory of the estate, the court determined that his real estate would have to be sold to pay his obligations. When it was over, Hannah received about $138.50.(5)

Hannah A. H. married again. On 25 September 1875 she married a piano-maker named Joseph Henry Stone at Canterbury, New Hampshire. His business was in Meredith, New Hampshire.(6)

Hannah's daughter Addie E. Moulton wrote, "Hannah A. Tilton, wife of George A. Woodman, died in Worcester, Mass., 8 June 1887, fifty-one years, four months, twenty-three days. Was buried in Belmont in the Woodman family lot."(7) George A. is buried there with his family, but I have no record that Hannah is there.

*George Andrew's children:*(8)

**9-92** i John A.[9], b. 12 Jul 1858.

ii George French[9], b. 17 Dec 1860, in Quincy. He united with the Congregational Church 2 May 1875. In 1880 his address was Boylston Center, MA, in care of Henry Fay.(9)

iii Walter Irving[9], b. Sep 1865; d. 16 May 1866. He is buried in the family cemetery in Belmont.

**9-93** iv Adelaide Esther[9], b. 17 Sep 1867.

Notes:
1. 1850 U.S. Census, Gilmanton, NH; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, Massachusetts Archives, Boston, 109:268.
3. Belknap Co. Reg. of Deeds, 44:302.
4. Family cemetery in Belmont; *History of Sanbornton.*
5. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Docket #2500.
6. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 808.
7. A letter from Adelaide E. Moulton, 19 Russell St., Franklin, NH, 29 Sep 1921.
8. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 861-862; letter from Adelaide Moulton.
9. Ibid., and Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, 133:307.

### Ebenezer French[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-90.** Ebenezer French was born 11 September 1840 in Gilmanton, New Hampshire. He married Harriet E. Elkins at Gilford, New Hampshire, 13 September 1863. Harriet E. was born 2 May 1843 in Belmont, New Hampshire, the daughter of Curtis W. and Martha S. (Gibson) Elkins.(1)

In 1868 when Ebenezer F. and Harriet E. signed the land deed giving the old home place to Ebenezer F.'s sister Josephine in exchange for the care of his aging parents, they lived in Gilford. About 1880 Ebenezer was at 7 Alling Street, Newark, New Jersey. His niece, Adelaide F. Bean wrote, "he was a machinist of marked ability."(2)

His sister Mary Pearson, wrote that he had a variety store in Laconia, New Hampshire, but when Ebenezer F. died 23 November 1898, his death record called him a machinist. He had made his will in May of 1876, leaving everything to Harriet E. His funeral procession would have been grand, for on the day of his burial Helen E. rented four hacks and one two-seated carriage from Philbrook Brothers, Hack, Livery and Boarding Stable of Laconia; they charged her $13.50. Their advertising boasted they were "connected by New England and Citizens Telephones."(3)

In 1900 Harriet lived alone in a house on Fair Street in Laconia.(4) She died 11 September 1904. Childless, she left her estate to her sister and Ebenezer F.'s nieces and nephews.(5) Harriet's will directed that she and her husband be given suitable headstones and left $75.00 to the Union Cemetery Association to care for their lot #607.

She wanted $75.00 of her legacy to be spent erecting headstones for the graves of Ebenezer F.'s parents, Andrew and Hannah, and asked that $100.00 be given to the People's Church of Laconia.

*Ebenezer F.'s child:*

i Merton Elkins[9]; d. young.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 264; New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Belknap Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 55:230; a letter from Adelaide F. Bean, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA, 15 Sep 1921.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records; Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #6001.
4. 1900 U.S. Census.
5. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #7304.

### Mary Jane[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-91.** Mary Jane was born 28 June 1843. On 10 January 1861 she married David Pearson of Fairfield, Maine, who was born 12 April 1830. It is likely they lived all of their lives in Fairfield, and Mary continued to live there after David died 28 December 1903.(1)

*Mary Jane's children (named Pearson):*

**9-94** i Josephine[9], b. 31 Aug 1867.

ii Chauncy[9], b. 3 Apr 1872; d. 5 Jun 1874.

iii Louisa B.[9], b. 3 Nov 1877; d. 20 Mar 1900. She m. William McClintock 9 Jun 1897. She had no children.

Note:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; Belknap Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 55:230; undated biography form from Mary Pearson, probably 1921, Fairfield, ME; New Hampshire Vital Records Brides List; 1850 U.S. Census, Gilmanton, NH.

### Josephine Izetta[8] (Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-92.** Josephine Izetta, the youngest of twelve children, was born 18 April 1848. On 13 January 1868 she married Joseph Sayward of Belmont, New Hampshire, who was born 1 March 1836 in Alfred, Maine.(1)

Shortly after their marriage, in fact, just ten months later, Josephine and Joseph made a deal with her brothers and sisters. Concerned about their aging parents, their father, Andrew, was sixty-nine now, the children signed a land deed. Josephine and Joseph could have their father's home place if they would care for Andrew and Hannah for their remaining years. Besides caring for the old people, they were to "cultivate and improve the real estate . . . and furnish them with suitable food, drink, clothing, nursing, medicine . . . ." Josephine was twenty years old at the time she pledged to care for her parents.(2)

In March of 1879 Andrew, the father, died. Josephine and Joseph had cared for him eleven years. Seven months later, on 17 September 1879, Joseph died of paralysis. He was forty-two; Josephine was thirty-one, a widow with four small children – the eldest ten, the youngest four and one-half months old.(3) Josephine must have remarried very soon – to Edward E. Donovan – who died 29 March 1893.(4) Josephine planned to be buried beside both husbands in the Woodman Cemetery in Belmont, New Hampshire.

On 16 October 1921 Harry W. Sayward wrote, "I will try and write you a little about the Woodman family. Mother is feeble and cannot give of any value to a history. She was married twice, last Edward E. Donovan."(5)

*Josephine I. and Joseph's children (named Sayward):*(6)

i Harry W.[9], b. 17 May 1869. He had a shop for repairing clocks, watches and bicycles. In 1904 he inherited $50.00 from Harriet E. Woodman, the wife of his Uncle Ebenezer French Woodman. Her estate paper lists his address at Belmont.(7) Harry W. had never married.

**9-95** ii Ethelbert F.[9], b. 1871.

iii Mary Jane[9], b. 10 Mar 1876. In 1921 she lived in Laconia, NH, unmarried.

iv Lilly Phine[9], b. 2 May 1879. She m. Joseph L. Keyes of Hebron, NH. She had two boys and a girl. In 1921 she lived in Mason City, IA, RFD #7.

*Josephine and Edward E.'s children (named Donovan):*

v Daniel E.[9], born 26 October 1881. He served three years in the "U.S. Standing Army." He was killed on a railroad track 28 May 1910. He is buried in the Woodman Cemetery in Belmont.

vi Agnes F.[9], b. May 1883. She m. George Melcher, a mail carrier. In 1921 she lived on RFD #2 in Laconia, NH, with three children.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; 1850 U.S. Census of Gilmanton, NH; New Hampshire Vital Records, Brides Index.
2. Belknap Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 55:230.
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH;* gravestones in Woodman Cemetery in Belmont, NH.
4. Gravestones.
5. A letter from Harry W. Sayward, Tilton, NH, 16 Oct 1921.
6. Ibid.
7. Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #7304.

## Joshua Woodman Hart[8] (Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-93.** "Joshua Woodman Hart," wrote Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, granddaughter of Joshua[6], "was associated with his wealthy brother John S., who was a manufacturer of shawls in Racine, Wisconsin, and [were] also managers of large flouring [sic] mills in the same city. Joshua was at one time mayor of that city."(1)

*Joshua Woodman's children (named Hart):*[2]

i Ed Claggett[9], b. 2 Mar 1857; m. Minnie Ida LaSalle 26 Oct 1882. In 1921 they lived in Salt Lake City. They had no children.

ii Marland[9], b. 19 Jan 1860. In 1921 Marland lived in Ocean Springs, MI. According to Frances Anne, Marland had been married three times, but had no children.

**9-96** iii Jessie Woodman[9], b. 22 May 1865.

Notes:
1. Letters from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA, 1921.
2. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

## John Simpson Hart[8] (Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-94.** John Simpson, born 13 March 1823, married Susan Hawkins. John died 7 February 1901. Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, granddaughter of Joshua[6], wrote, "He was a wealthy shawl manufacturer in Racine, Wisconsin."[1]

*John S.'s children (named Hart):*[2]

**9-97** i Sands Milton[9], b. 15 Apr 1852.

ii Fred Alonzo[9], b. 2 Dec 1853; d. 27 Nov 1854.

iii Charles Dudley[9], b. 31 Mar 1856; d. 4 Nov 1877. Unmarried.

iv Elmer Woodman[9], b. 8 Feb 1863. In 1921 Elmer, married, lived in Lordsburg, CA. John Shelley Hart[10] wrote, "[in 1921] they had no living children." Frances Anne sent an undated clipping from an unnamed newspaper entitled "The Beautiful residence of Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Hart set in the midst of their thirty-acre orange and lemon grove."

E. W. Hart

> With the creation of the new San Dimas Township it became necessary to secure a Justice of the Peace. One of our ablest men, Elmer W. Hart, was unanimously selected by the voters. Mr. Hart is an attorney of repute, one of our largest citrus fruit growers and is president of the San Dimas Fruit Exchange and director in the San Dimas Orange Growers' Association. San Dimas is indeed fortunate to secure a man of Mr. Hart's ability and broadness to act in this capacity so important to the interests of a small community.

"Cousin Elmer Hart," wrote Frances Anne, "is a most genial and companionable person to meet, combining great good sense with affability."

**9-98** v Lillian Ann[9], b. 4 Jun 1864.

**9-99** vi Nellie Louise[9], b. 7 Oct 1868.

Notes:
1. Letters from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA, 1921.
2. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

## Aaron Ward[8] (Joshua Langdon[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-95.** Aaron Ward was born 1 May 1834. On 12 or 16 July 1856, at Wolfsboro, New Hampshire, he married Mehitable Ann Russell of Sanbornton, New Hampshire.[1] She was born 1 January 1829 at Sanbornton, the daughter of Elias and Comfort (Rundlett) Russell.

In the 1860 U.S. Census, Aaron was living in New Hampton, New Hampshire, working as a store clerk. It was in 1861 in New Hampton when Aaron pledged to help pay a ten dollar bounty to each man of the town who enlisted in the Civil War.[2]

Aaron was said to have been a railroad conductor for many years, and later a trader. Like his

father, Aaron was a big man. Frances Anne Leavenworth described him as 6 feet tall, weighed 200 pounds and had a dark complexion.

Both Aaron and Mehitable A. died in Nashua, New Hampshire, he 21 April 1883, she 9 September 1894. Both are buried there. Martha Mariah was appointed administratrix of Mehitable's estate.(3)

*Aaron W.'s child:*

i Hattie Lee[9], b. 2 May 1861 in New Hampton. In 1921 she lived at 28 Cross, St., Nashua, with her Uncle Charles Henry. She d. 31 Aug 1935 in Nashua. Hattie never married.

In 1921 Frances Anne wrote, "She is a music teacher, unmarried, and a woman of excellent capabilities."

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. *A Small Gore of Land, A History of New Hampton, NH, founded in 1777,* revised and edited by Peter Lauzier, New Hampton Bicentennial Committee, 1976-1977, p. 104; 1860 U.S. Census, New Hampton, NH.
3. Letters from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA; Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #15103.

### William E.[8] (Joshua Langdon[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-96.** William E. was born 14 February 1844; married by clergyman Owen Street to E. Dora Tucker of Nashua, New Hampshire, 6 December 1871 in Lowell, Massachusetts. She was born in 1849 at Lowell, the daughter of Gordon F. and Mary E. (Farnsworth) Tucker.(1)

Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, a granddaughter of Joshua[6], wrote that William E. was 6 feet tall, weighed 150 pounds and had a dark complexion. She said he died 24 February 1877 and was buried in Lowell, Massachusetts.

In another letter, Frances A. said, "He [William E.] died in Nashua after a lingering illness and is buried there beside his parents and his elder brother Aaron and sister Martha M."

*William E.'s child:*

i William E., Jr.[9] Frances Anne wrote in 1921, "William E., Jr., is supposed to be somewhere in New York State, but none of his family have any idea <u>where</u> . . . He is probably about 45 years of age now . . . He was very smart." In a fit of pique, she continued, " . . . but unreliable and a disgrace to the name of Woodman . . . ."

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; letters from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison Street, Worcester, MA 1921; New Hampshire Vital Records.

### Charles Henry[8] (Joshua Langdon[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-97.** Charles Henry was born 28 February 1846 in New Hampton, New Hampshire. On 25 June 1898, in Chatham, Massachusetts, at the age of fifty-two, Charles married a thirty-five-year-old stenographer from Boston named Alice Littlefield. Alice was born 22 December 1862 at South Weymouth, Massachusetts, the daughter of Lemuel P. and Mercy Lincoln (Cook) Littlefield. This was her second marriage.(1)

By 1921 Charles H. was seventy-five years old and Alice L. wrote, "My husband Chas. H. is an invalid and I get so little time to myself. Son Dana and I, however, have just been on a six-day auto tour to the White Mtns. leaving Chas. in care of his nurse. I simply <u>had</u> to have a change."(2) Charles' marriage record gave his occupation as "salesman"; his death record lists him as a retired "parlor car conductor." Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, granddaughter of Joshua[6] described

***Charles Dana Woodman***

Charles Henry as 5 feet 9 inches, weighing 172 pounds with a dark complexion. She said Charles H. had lived in Manchester, New Hampshire, four years in Springfield, Massachusetts and in Nashua, New Hampshire. Frances added that Charles H. was a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He owned his grandfather Joshua's family bible.

Charles H. died in 1921, on Christmas Day, and the court appointed Alice administratrix of the estate.(3) Besides the house at 26 and 28 Cross Street, Charles had $417.69 in cash, $877.62 of American Telephone & Telegraph and Pullman Company stock and the following household items:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Case of drawers [chest of drawers] | $3.00 | Chiffonier | 4.00 |
| Ash Bureau | 4.00 | Commode Marble top | 1.00 |
| Stand Marble top | .50 | 6 piece Ash Chamber set | 5.00 |
| Oil Heater | 1.00 | Iron Bedstead | 3.00 |
| Spring | 1.00 | Mattress & Bedding | 1.50 |
| Ash Bureau Marble top | 1.50 | Oak Wardrobe | 5.00 |
| Library table marble top | 1.00 | Hall Mirror | 2.00 |
| Book case and books | 1.00 | Dishes in Sitting room closet | 5.00 |
| Arm Chair | 2.00 | Red Plush chair | 1.50 |
| Base Rocker | 2.00 | Oak Rocker | 1.50 |
| Rattan Rocker | 1.50 | Couch | 2.00 |
| Art Square | 8.00 | Library Table Marble top | 1.00 |
| Gas Heater | 7.00 | Desk | 3.00 |
| Mirror | 1.00 | Clock | 5.00 |
| Bric-a-brac | 1.00 | Parlor Stove | 5.00 |
| Old Card Table | 10.00 | 4 Pictures | 2.00 |
| Old Mahogany Bureau | 10.00 | White Bureau | 2.00 |
| Iron Bedstead | 5.00 | Spring | 2.00 |
| Hair mattress | 12.00 | Bedding | 5.00 |
| Oak Dining Table | 5.00 | 4 Dining Chairs | 4.00 |
| Oak Side board | 8.00 | Picture Union | 3.00 |

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| Picture Flagstaff | 3.00 | Rattan stand | 1.00 |
| Piano | 50.00 | Clock oak | 8.00 |
| Pedestal | 1.00 | Cut glass pitcher | 2.00 |
| Dishes | 3.00 | Stand Marble top | .50 |
| Range & Furnishings | 15.00 | Gas Stove | 1.00 |
| Old Style Table | 8.00 | Clock | 5.00 |
| Rocker | 1.00 | Chair | .50 |
| Contents of Pantry | 6.00 | Refrigerator | 2.00 |
| Coal | 32.00 | Chest | 3.00 |
| Bureau | 1.00 | Gray Chest & Contents | 5.00 |
| Chest of Tools | 7.00 | Miscellaneous Tools | 4.00 |
| 4 Piazza Chairs | 3.00 | Wheelbarrow | 3.00 |
| Green Chest & Contents | 1.00 | 3 Chairs | 1.50 |
| Gas plate | 1.00 | Ladder | 2.00 |
| Garden hose | 3.00 | Miscellaneous articles | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Bedding | 12.00 | Total | $344.50 |

By September of 1922, Alice asked permission of the court to sell his house, which sale brought her $5500.00.

On 23 October 1923, nearly two years after her husband's death, Alice petitioned the Probate Court of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, to appoint her guardian of their son Charles Dana, who was then nineteen years old.(4)

Alice may have been living near her son in Burbank, California, when he reached his majority in 1926, but she was back in Nashua when she died 7 September 1936.(5)

*Charles Henry's child:*

i Charles Dana[9], was b. 28 Jan 1904 at 40 W. Newton ST., Boston, MA.(6) When Charles Dana's Aunt Martha d. in 1920, Charles was listed as living in Fairhaven, MA. Since he was but sixteen at the time, he may have been a student there. When he signed for the final payment from his father's estate he was in Burbank, CA.(7)

Notes:

1. Biography form from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA; Massachusetts Dept. of Health, 1898, Vol. 478, p. 9.
2. A letter from Alice L., 28 Cross St., Nashua, NH, 1 Sep 1921.
3. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #36412.
4. Ibid., Docket #38251.
5. Ibid., and New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. Massachusetts Dept. of Health, 1904, Vol. 545, p. 17.
7. Hillsborough Co. Probate Records, Dockets #34937, #38251, and #36412.

## Sarah Jane[8] (Dana[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-98.** Sarah Jane was born 26 May 1835.(1) She was a student at the New Hampton Literary Institution in New Hampton, New Hampshire.

On 28 May 1861 Sarah married Andrew J. Stackpole(2) who was born at Portsmouth, Maine, 30 September 1833, the son of Deacon Joshua and Mary (Rogers) Stackpole. Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, granddaughter of Joshua[6], wrote:

> Mary [Rogers] Stackpole was of the 7th generation of the Rogers Family [who were] direct descendants of John Rogers the martyr.
>
> A.J. Stackpole was an attorney-at-law and a member of the firm of Swan, Stackpole and Woodman of Lowell and Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. & Mrs. Stackpole lived in Lowell, Massachusetts, where she died 24 April 1864 and was buried in the Dana Woodman family lot in the cemetery at New Hampton.(3) He died in Chicago in 1895.

The name on Sarah Jane's gravestone is "Jennie – wife of A.J. Stackpole."

*Sarah Jane's child (named Stackpole):*

i Jennie[9], Frances Anne wrote, "Jennie Woodman Stackpole was born 2 April 1864. Died 24 April 1864. Mother and daughter rest in the same grave." The cemetery record has "Baby Jennie died May 24, 1864."

Notes:
1. 1850 Census of New Hampton, NH; Letters from Dana's daughter Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA, 1921.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

### Susan[8] (Stephen Mead[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-99.** Susan was born 2 October 1826. She married John C. Fox of Meredith, New Hampshire, 27 November 1845. She died in 1890 and John, who was born about 1819, died in 1894. They are buried in the New Hampton Village Cemetery in New Hampton, New Hampshire.(1) She and her sister Eunice M. inherited $2.00 from their grandfather John.(2)

*Susan's children (named Fox):*

i Emma G.[9], b. 5 Nov 1846; m. a Mr. Bickford and had at least two children.(3)

ii Edgar B.[9], b. 23 May 1850. When his Uncle Lawrence Chauncey[7] died in 1911, he was said to be living in North Reading, MA.

iii Willis S.[9], b. 30 Sep 1852.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
2. Belknap Co. NH, Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #2056.
3. A statement from executors of estate of Lawrence Chauncey Woodman[7], Owatonna, MN, who died in 1911.
4. Ibid.

### Eunice Marsh[8] (Stephen Mead[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-100.** Eunice Marsh was born 5 October 1828 in New Hampton, New Hampshire. On 23 December 1850 she married Thomas Patch Clifford of Gilford, New Hampshire, who was born 28 April 1825. They lived in Plymouth, New Hampshire, where he was an engineer on the B., C. & M. Railroad.(1) She and her sister, Susan, inherited $2.00 from their grandfather John.(2)

*Eunice M.'s child (named Clifford):*

i Frederick Augustus[9], born 4 Sep 1852. He married Jennie A. Libby 15 Oct 1874. He lived in Concord, NH, and was employed by the B. & M. Railroad.(3)

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; *History of Plymouth, NH;* New Hampshire Vital Records (Bride's List).
2. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #2056.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. 1921.

### Joseph Johnson[8] (Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-101.** Joseph Johnson was born in Strafford, New Hampshire, 4 August 1826. He married Sarah Elizabeth Leighton 30 June 1851. She was born 19 November 1829 in Strafford, the daughter of James and Sarah (Winkley) Leighton of Strafford County.

Joseph J. was educated in Strafford and was a farmer there. Said to be a Democrat and a Protestant, Joseph was 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 140 pounds and had sandy hair and blue

eyes.(1) Joseph J. died 23 May 1898 of Bright's Disease.(2) Sarah Elizabeth continued to live in Strafford; in 1900 their son Manson B. lived with her. She died 12 April 1903.(3) Both are buried at the Caverly Hill Cemetery in Strafford.(4)

*Joseph Johnson's children:*(5)

i Walter L.[9], was born 13 Jan 1852, probably in Strafford, NH. He married Laura E. Foss at Dover, NH, 17 Nov 1881. She was born in Strafford 16 Aug 1857, the daughter of Dennis and Hannah Foss of Dover. Walter L. died 24 Oct 1895 and is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover, NH. I think they had no children.(6)

Laura E. must have married again – to a Mr. Burton. Beside Walter L. in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover lies "Laura E. Burton" 19 Aug 1857 – 26 Feb 1939.

**9-100** ii James J.[9], b. 30 Jul 1854.

iii Sarah A.[9], b. 3 Oct 1856 in Strafford, NH; d. 5 Aug 1882. She is buried at Caverly Hills Cemetery, Strafford.(7)

**9-101** iv John Allen[9], b. 7 Aug 1859.

**9-102** v Manson B.[9], b. 20 Jul 1863.

Notes:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
2. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Cemetery records.
5. Letter from James J. Woodman, Lynn, MA, 1921; Strafford Co., NH, Probate Records, Dover, NH, Docket #10623.
6. Cemetery records.
7. Ibid.

## Almira J.[8] (Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-102.** Almira J. was born 28 July 1837, a twin to her sister Hannah M., who died in 1844. One account calls Almira "Myra Jane."(1) On 9 September 1869 she became the second wife of Benning Wentworth Jenness of Cleveland, Ohio. Benning was born 14 July 1806 at Deerfied, New Hampshire, the son of Thomas and Deborah (Sanborn) Jenness of Strafford, New Hampshire. He served as postmaster of Strafford, was a member of the Legislature as well as sheriff and Judge of Probate of Strafford County, New Hampshire. Finally, he was elected as a U.S. Senator from New Hampshire and served as a member of the Democratic National Convention in 1852.(2) It is said he went to Cleveland about 1862 where he became a wealthy lumber merchant and shipbuilder for the Great Lakes trade.(3)

Benning died in Cleveland 16 November 1879. In 1921 Almira J.'s son-in-law, H.H. Bundy, wrote, "Mrs. Jenness is in a sanatorium and mentally incapable of giving you information."(4)

*Almira J.'s child (named Jenness):*

**9-103** i Bessie Woodman[9], b. in 1871.

Notes:
1. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 68, p. 253.
2. Ibid.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and a letter from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 1921.
4. A letter from H.H. Bundy, 517 Cuyahoga Building, Cleveland, OH, 19 May 1921.

## Daniel S.[8] (Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-103.** Daniel S. was born 11 December 1845 in Strafford, New Hampshire. On the 4th of July, 1871, he married Eliza A. Garland who was born 29 May 1851 in Strafford, the daughter of Joseph

and Olive L. (Buzzell) Garland.(1)

Daniel S. probably always lived in Strafford where he is said to have been a merchant(2) and actively participated in the affairs of the town. Daniel S. was a selectman for the town for three years and on the school board ten years; for years he was school treasurer. He was master of the Bow Lake Grange for two years and district deputy of the state Grange for two years.(3)

He may have liked harness racing as he was the first secretary of the Riding Park Society of Strafford, which club's goal was to improve the speed of trotting horses.(4)

Daniel S. died 2 January 1915.(5) Mrs. George Woodman wrote, "the people of Strafford say he was one of the best of men that ever lived and I can say that it was what we all thought who had the joy of knowing him. For to know him well was to love him. I will give you the address of his wife. She is a lovely woman."(6)

Eliza A. wrote, "Since his [Daniel S.] death I am with the boys and friends. I keep the dear old home and go there summers when the children take their vacations."(7)

Eliza A. died at 506 Central, Dover, New Hampshire, 3 June 1925. She was buried beside Daniel S. in Strafford at the Caverly Hill Cemetery.(8)

*Daniel S.'s children:*

**9-104** i Byron J.[9], b. 25 Jan 1872.

**9-105** ii Herbert C.[9], b. 1 Dec 1873.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records (death records).
2. 1880, 1900 U.S. Census Records.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
4. *History of Strafford, NH,* The Town of Strafford, 1971, p. 195.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. A letter from Mrs. George Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 16 May 1921.
7. A letter from Eliza A. Woodman, Haverhill, MA, 15 Jun 1921.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records; cemetery records from New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

### Dana Joshua[8] (Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-104.** Dana Joshua was born 18 May 1851 in Strafford, New Hampshire.(1) He went to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1873 where he married Margaret Catherine Cahill in 1876. Margaret was born 19 May 1856 in St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Cahill of Cleveland.

Dana J.'s daughter, Inez M., wrote that Dana J. was a bookkeeper. "My father was a very quiet, good-natured man who never did very much talking," she said. "Always went to bed early and arose very early and was very industrious." Describing her father, Inez said he was 5 feet 11-1/2 inches tall and weighed 150 pounds. He was a Democrat, Baptist and had a dark complexion.

Dana Joshua filed a deposition in an effort to assist his sister-in-law Emma J. Woodman be eligible for a pension from her husband Charles A.'s service in the Civil War.(2)

Margaret C. died 15 February 1913 and is buried there in Cleveland in St. John's Cemetery. Dana J. died 10 June 1915 and is buried in the Monroe Cemetery.

*Dana J.'s children:*

**9-106** i Dana C.[9], b. 21 Jul 1881.

ii Martha Anna[9], b. 5 Apr 1883; d. 18 Apr 1883.(3)

**9-107** iii Charles Joshua[9], b. 6 Jun 1885.

**9-108** iv William Sylvester James[9], b. 27 Jul 1887.

v Inez M.[9] was born 14 Nov 1889 in Cleveland. It was she who furnished all the genea-

logical information for the family. In 1921 she was an assistant auditor with the Penton Publishing Company and lived at 1739 Northfield Street in Cleveland. "As for myself," added Inez, "I expect to be married a year from this fall."(4)

vi Myra C.[9], was born 27 October 1891 in Cleveland. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service. Inez M. sent a newspaper article and picture of Myra C. at work. "This was written about two years before she went to the sanitorium," Inez wrote. "You know she died of Tubercular Meningitis. Myra never married." Myra C. died 19 Apr 1921.

vii Leo Cahill[9] was born 8 Mar 1894 in Cleveland, and was educated at the Orchard School there. On 16 Aug 1915 in Cleveland, he married Alvina Herne who was born there 6 January 1896, the daughter of George and Lydia (Griner) Herne.

In 1921 Leo was an unemployed railroad engineer who lived at 3444 West 127th Street. His sister, Inez M., wrote that Leo C. was a Congregationalist and politically independent. She described him as 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighed 170 pounds with a light complexion. In 1921 he had no children.

**9-109** vii Harry C.[9], b. 17 May 1896.

***Dana Joshua Woodman***

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862.
2. Military pension record of Charles A. Woodman, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 16 Jan 1886.
3. St. Malachi Marriage Records Index, 20 Dec 1865-28 Jun 1899, *The Certified Copy,* published by The Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society, 1972, No. 1, Vol. 8, p. 20.
4. A letter from Inez M. Woodman, 1739 Northfield Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 19 Aug 1921.
5. Ibid., and unnamed, undated newspaper clipping. Inez furnished eight undated biography sheets and letters 29 Apr, 27 Jul, 19 Aug 1921.

## Amelia Woodman Hoitt[8] (Lois Woodman Hoitt[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-105.** Amelia Woodman Hoitt was born 4 June 1829. She married Amos P. Munsey of Gilmanton, New Hampshire, 2 November 1854. Amelia W. and her sister Eliza J. married brothers Amos P. and George W. Munsey.

*Amelia W.'s child (named Munsey):*(1)

i J. R.[9] In 1921 he lived in Gilmanton.

Note:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; a letter from George P. Munsey, Laconia, NH, 27 Jan 1922.

**Eliza J. Hoitt[8] (Lois Woodman Hoitt[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-106.** Eliza J. was born 15 July 1834. She married George W. Munsey of Gilford, New Hampshire, 26 April 1860. George was the son of George W. Munsey, Sr. Eliza J. and her sister Amelia W. married brothers, George W. and Amos P. Munsey.

*Eliza's child (named Munsey):*(1)

i George P.[9] was cashier of the People's National Bank of Laconia, NH, in 1922.

Note:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862-863; a letter from George P. Munsey, Laconia, NH, 27 Jan 1922.

**Horace Hook Eastman[8] (Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-107.** Horace Hook was born 30 August 1833; he married Angeline B. Colby 4 January 1859. Angeline B. was born 28 December 1835, the daughter of A. Lucrates (sic) Colby. They lived all of their married life on a farm in Laconia, New Hampshire. Angeline B. died 28 September 1908; Horace H. died 30 July 1917.(1)

*Horace H.'s children (named Eastman):*

i Fred F.[9], b. 28 Aug 1863. In 1921 he lived unmarried in Laconia, NH, on the farm of his father which bordered Lake Winnisquam. Fred sold milk and cream.

ii Angie May[9], b. 25 Feb 1873; married Charles Andrews 2 Sep 1908. Charles was born 19 Sep 1881. They lived on a farm in Meredith, NH. No children in 1921.

Note:
1. A biography from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 4 Nov 1921.

**Jane E. Eastman[8] (Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-108.** Jane E. was born 28 June 1840. On 9 December 1868 she married Harrison Philbrick who was born in June of 1840. Jane E. died 30 January 1885; Harrison survived her by thirty-one years, dying 8 December 1916.(1)

*Jane E.'s children (named Philbrick):*

i Lillie (Lillian) Haven[9], b. 13 Oct 1869, was a housekeeper who never married. In 1911 she is said to have been in Rich Hill, MO.(2)

**9-110** ii Ira Perley[9], b. 24 Mar 1871.

**9-111** iii Daniel Eastman[9], b. 25 Jun 1875.

iv George Craig[9], b. 9 Dec 1876 was a farmer who never married. In Rich Hill, MO, in 1911.(3)

**9-112** v Nellie Piper[9], b. 26 Jan 1879.

Notes:
1. A letter and biography from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921.
2. A statement from the executors of the estate of Lawrence Chauncey[7] Woodman of Owatonna, MN, who died in 1911.
3. Ibid.

**John W. Eastman[8] (Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-109.** John W. was born 1 April 1845. On 26 September 1877 he married Addie M. Brown, who was born 11 March 1850. They settled on the farm with John's father in Meredith, New Hampshire, after their marriage, and were still there in 1921. It is John who furnished all of the information about Eliza[7].

*John W.'s children (named Eastman):*

i Jay B.[9], b. 10 Oct 1882. He farmed with his father in 1921 and was not married.

ii Iva A.[9], b. 11 Sep 1886 was an unmarried teacher in 1921.

Note:

1. A letter from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921; and a biography, 4 Nov 1921.

**Mary S. Eastman[8] (Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-110.** Mary S. was born 18 November 1849. On 3 October 1877 she married Lyman H. Cate, a blacksmith who was born 26 April 1849. They lived in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where Mary died 23 June 1892. For his second wife, Lyman H. married Mary J. Patterson; they lived in Laconia, New Hampshire, in 1921.(1)

*Mary S.'s children (named Cate):*

i Charles[9], b. 1879. m. Amy Osgood, Jun 1908. Amy was born 1872. He was a blacksmith and wheelwright in Belmont, NH, in 1921. They had no children.

ii Wilbur J.[9] was born 13 May 1882. In 1921 he had carried the mail on R#1 from Laconia for eighteen years.

iii Thomas Jefferson[9] was born 22 Mar 1884. A Baptist minister with a B.D. degree, he graduated from New Hampton Institution, North Hampton, NH in 1904; from Bates College in 1908 with an A.B. and the Newton Theological Institution in 1913 with a B.D. degree. He was ordained in Chester, NH, 15 Oct 1913 and was stated supply there. He was a settled pastor at Grafton, MA, from April 1918 through September 1920; in October 1920 Thomas moved to the Baptist Church at Meredith, NH. In 1921 he was not married.

Note:

1. A biography from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921.

**Charles Frederick[8] (Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-111.** Charles Frederick's son wrote that his father was born 3 (or 13) April 1830 in New Chester, New Hampshire, but Charles F.'s military record gives his birthplace as Grafton, Vermont. He grew up around Orangeville, Barry County, Michigan.

On 22 March 1855 at Orangeville, he married Sarah A. Dawson in a ceremony performed by his father Samuel Calef, a Justice of the Peace. Sarah was born in Port Sarnia, Canada, 9 November 1834, the daughter of John Dawson.

Jay Joshua wrote, "My father followed farming and did all the mechanical work for all the neighbors for miles around. A sick cow, a broken leg, or the clock won't run, it was 'get Charley Woodman to fix it.' While building a house for himself on the farm near Orangeville, he fell from the roof, alighted on a stump and broke his back. Old Jehiel Chalker, a neighbor, was the only one who could wring cloths out of water hot enough to stop the pain. After two years in bed he recovered; got up and went to work. He took a job of building a log school house, cut down and trimmed up the trees while standing on crutches! As soon as his crutches were gone he enlisted in Company I, 9th Regiment of Michigan Infantry."

Charles F. was thirty-four years old when he was drafted into the Army 28 September 1864. He had been married about nine years and by that time he had four children – the eldest eight years old, the youngest eight months. The record says he was 5 feet 6 inches tall with blue eyes and a light complexion. He was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, 15 September 1865 and returned to the farm and his family.

Jay Joshua told more about his father. "One day in the year 1876 one of his sons discovered a small round bottle of dark liquid in the manger in front of one of the best horses and suspicion fell upon a disreputable neighbor, Lobin H. Borthwick (better known as Old Bostwick), who had done many such things, among which was the following: Once Old Bostwick helped us plant corn by hand, and being short of seed, everyone was asked to use it carefully. When Bostwick's rows came up we found from one to sixty-two stalks in a hill. The poison was analyzed and we found it could have poisoned every head of stock on the farm. The next time he came across the farm he was accused and admitted it all. That was over forty years ago, but I can still see my father shaking his fist under the old man's nose and ordering him off the premises. And he went."

***Charles Frederick Woodman***

By 1890 Charles F. applied for a military pension. He wrote that on or about 17 February 1865 he had "marched about two miles to participate in a Review in mid-
day. [I] felt at first a burning sensation in the back of my head and neck and came near falling, was caught hold of by my comrades and lost consciousness. And when I recovered was told that I had been overcome by heat. After remaining in barracks a few days became able to again go on duty, but since that time have not been able to continue labor in the heated part of the day in warm weather."

A doctor testified in 1891 that Charles F. suffered greatly from "an affection [sic] of the heart and rheumatism. There is an unusual thumping beat of the heart. He has sinking spells and difficulty breathing. He has a gone sinking feeling; there are snapping flashes through the head. Everything turns dark and if he looks up he will fall down . . . He is disabled at least two-thirds for performing hard manual labor." By 1899 Charles F. was on crutches; by December of that year he was wholly paralyzed on one side.

Sarah A. died 4 September 1903 at Prairieville, Michigan, and Charles F. followed her six months later on 22 February 1904. They are buried in the town where they died.

"Father's financial success was of the negative variety," wrote his son Jay Joshua. "But he raised a large family. Ten children. The soil around Orangeville is not noted for fertility, and he spent much of his time on rented land.

So how a fellow's going to prosper without the rise of the land
on just two-thirds of nothing I never could understand."

*Charles Frederick's children:*(2)

i William Frederick[9], born 14 May 1856. On 7 Oct 1887 he married James Middleton's daughter, Maggie, who died. On 25 Oct 1893 he married Nancy, the daughter of William Smith. Nancy was born at Fourche a Renault, Washington County, MO (the 1880 Census listed 60 people

living there).(3) William F. was a farmer, blacksmith and a dealer in hardware and oils at Martin, MI. Bess Odiorne thought William F. had two adopted children and that he died 11 Feb 1904.(4)

ii Mary Elizabeth (Matie)[9], b. 18 Apr 1858; she married Archie A. Anderson. She died maybe 1897 or 1898. Archie then married Mary E.'s cousin Amelia Ellen[9] (John[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]). He died 2 Jun 1907 at Stillsville, MI. No children.

iii Charlotte S.[9], b. 13 Oct 1861; died 5 Jan 1921. Unmarried.

**9-113** iv Emma R.[9], b. 2 Feb 1863 or 1864.

v Charles Elias[9], b. 1868; d. 25 Nov 1892 at Valparaiso, IN, where he was a student.

**9-114** vi Effie A.[9], b. 5 Mar 1869.

**9-115** vii Jay Joshua[9], b. 14 Apr 1871.

viii Ira Daniel[9], was born 11 Jul 1873. His sister Lois M. wrote, "Ira's address is 125 North West Street, Kalamazoo, MI. He is not married.(5) He was a carpenter.

**9-116** ix Ina E.[9], b. 18 Sep 1876.

x Lois Matilda[9], was born 23 Sep 1878. She married Seymour R. Simpson in Faribault, MN, 6 Jul 1913 and moved to Kalamazoo, MI. In 1921 Lois M. wrote, "we sold our farm and moved to Minnesota [Faribault]; we drove through and it was a hard ride . . . We are on a large dairy farm, milking 40 cows. Everything is run by electricity – milking machine, separator, feed grinder, etc."(6)

Bess Odiorne thought Lois M. married second husband S. D. Guess on 11 Nov 1925.(7)

Notes:

1. Undated biography from Jay Joshua Woodman, Napoleon, OH; military record of Charles Frederick, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 23 Mar 1982 and 21 May 1982.
2. Undated biography from Jay Joshua Woodman, Napoleon, OH; Charles F.'s military record; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Gazetteer of the State of Missouri, and the 1880 Atlas of Missouri.
4. *Descendants of Capt. John Woodman[2] and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.
5. A postcard from Lois M. Simpson, Faribault, MN, 21 May 1921.
6. A letter from Lois M. Simpson, Faribault, MN, 3 Apr 1921.
7. Odiorne workbook.

## John[8] (Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-112.** John was born 17 November 1831 at Hill, New Hampshire (now New Chester, NH). He moved with his parents to Whitehall, New York, in 1837 and from there the family went to Ohio and then on to Barry County, Michigan.(1)

On 14 July 1853, John married fifteen-year-old Prudency Swart of Orangeville, Michigan, who was born about 1838, the daughter of Abraham and Harriet Swart. John's father who was a Justice of the Peace married them. His brother Daniel K. was a witness.

On 1 September 1862 at Kalamazoo, Michigan, John enlisted as a private for three years of service in the Civil War. The thirty-year-old farmer was described as 5 feet 9 inches tall with a fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. John was mustered into Company I, 2nd Regiment of Michigan Cavalry, leaving Prudency with two small children, ages six and eight. He was gone until June of 1865 – two years and ten months.

John and Prudency are said to have moved from Michigan to Rosalia, Kansas, on 18 September 1876; by November of that year they were in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, where he served several terms as city marshal. John died there 20 January 1881 after a long and painful illness without reaching the age of fifty.

Prudency, age forty-three with two sons – eleven and fourteen – to raise, applied for a widow's

pension based on John's Civil War service. She tried to prove John's disease and death were somehow caused by his soldiering.

The first ten months of his service had gone well, but by July of 1863, John, like thousands of soldiers in that war, contracted typhoid fever and was hospitalized in Nashville, Tennessee. From there he was shuffled from one hospital to another; it was about a year before John was reported present back in his old company. A fellow soldier who had served with John deposed that, "sometime in January or February 1863 while ascending the bank of Stone River, in Tennessee, Woodman's horse fell with him, bruising his left leg, putting his ankle out of joint. I know that ankle was the cause of a great deal of trouble and pain to Woodman in after years. It was weak and often gave out while at work."

Friends and neighbors testified that John suffered with a swelling of the glands of his neck . . . and that he complained of pain in his groin and under his arms, swelling in both places. John's doctor deposed that he first treated John on 16 August 1880. "I made a few professional calls up to 23 September following," he wrote. "He was suffering at that time from enlarged liver, and Dropsy, also an enlargement of the deep cervicul [sic] and Musculery [sic] glands. I saw that there was no hopes of recovery. I then discontinued my visits."

Following John's death, the widow, Prudency, moved to El Dorado, Kansas, in 1882 and by September 1887 she was in Newton, Kansas. She finally did receive a widow's pension of about $8.00 a month. She died before May of 1892.(2)

*John's children:*(3)

i Amelia Ellen[9] was born 21 May 1854 in Orangeville, MI. She married Archie Anderson who was born 3 Dec 1845. "We were married at Ashton, Michigan," Amelia E. wrote, "on the 30th September in the year 1901. He died at Stillsville, MI, 2 June 1907 and is buried at Prairieville, MI. "There is much I might write you that might be of interest if I were better versed in the use of the pen," she continued. "I have been twice to Old Mexico since the death of Mr. Anderson, living there with brother Lawrence about three years all together . . . We were driven out of Mexico by the war and came to Oregon nine years ago [1912] this month [September]. Settled here in Lane County, OR, in October. We were on a ranch and I stayed on it while Lawrence worked on the railroad. He was away two and one-half years at one time only coming home once during the time." Amelia E. had no children.(4) She is said to have died in 1931.(5)

**9-117** ii John Henry[9], b. 21 Aug 1856.

iii Lawrence Edson[9], was born 23 Oct 1867 at Rutland, MI. He was a scale inspector for the railroads and had lived in Mexico many years. He continued to work for the railroads after moving to Fall Creek, OR, with his sister.

"My brother, Lawrence, met his death here at Fall Creek 6 July 1918," wrote Amelia. "He was killed by a mule, one of his team which he was working at the time, but no one knows how it happened. We were here alone and he was dead when I found him and still tangled in the harness. I got the harness off the mule and freed him, then ran for help, but it was of no avail . . . He was never married and is buried here at Fall Creek."(6)

iv Elmer Albert[9] was born 24 Jan 1870 in Rutland, MI. Like his brother Lawrence, Elmer A. had been a railroad man in Mexico and the United States. In 1908 he was a conductor for the K.C.M.& O. Railroad and resided in Wichita, KS. He had also lived in El Dorado and Newton, KS. Elmer A. was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Sir Knight Templar.(7)

In 1921 he was in Fall Creek, OR, with his sister Amelia.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.
2. John's Military Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 23 Mar 1882 and 21 May 1882.

3. Ibid.
4. A letter from Amelia Ellen Woodman Anderson, Fall Creek, OR, 11 Sep 1921.
5. *Descendants of Capt. John Woodman[2] and Mary (Field) Woodman,* an unpublished workbook of Bess Woodman Odiorne's genealogical notes, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.
6. Letter from Amelia Ellen Woodman Anderson, 11 Sep 1921.
7. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

## Samuel Newell[8] (Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-113.** Samuel Newell was born 30 March 1837.(1) His Military Records list his birthplace variously as South Reading, Massachusetts; Concord, Massachusetts; and New Castle, New Hampshire.

He was in Prairieville, Michigan, when on 15 September 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company I of the 2nd Regiment of Michigan Cavalry. The war was barely five months old when the twenty-four-year-old farmer was mustered in. He was 5 feet 8 inches tall, fair, with blue eyes and brown hair. No one realized as he marched away that day that he was going to be a soldier for the next four years and nine months.(2)

The regiment went with General Pope to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, and from there to New Madrid, Missouri, and Island No. 10. They moved up the Tennessee River to Hamburg Landing, near Pittsburg Landing, or Shiloh, where they fought. At Shiloh Samuel was detailed to bury the dead. He took part in the Corinth Campaign where, he said, he saw his hardest service; his company of one hundred twelve men finished the battle with but eighteen men. He was with Gen. Sheridan when with 600 men they defeated 8,000 Confederates led by Chalmers.

In 1863 his brigade took part in a scouting campaign that averaged a battle every third day. In one of those battles, Samuel Newell captured a battle flag and won a promotion. After fighting at Chicamauga and Chattanooga, he was furloughed in 1864. Samuel returned to Franklin, Tennessee, where he took fourteen men and charged the enemy lines; he returned without losing a man but had four bullet holes in his clothes, a bridle rein shot in two and his horse suffered from two bullet wounds.(3)

Samuel Newell had a remarkable military career. In all that time he was never wounded and there is no record that he was absent because of sickness. He must have possessed an iron constitution for it was a war where more men died from disease than from fighting. He was promoted twice, first to sergeant and on 14 July 1865 he was mustered into Company B 136 Regiment of Colored Infantry as a 2nd lieutenant.

He was discharged 4 January 1866 at Augusta, Georgia, and returned to Michigan where on 1 December 1867 he married his old childhood friend and sweetheart, Catherine M. Swart of Orangeville, Michigan. Later in a deposition about her marriage to Samuel, Catherine said, "We have known each other and been raised together since children of five and eleven years old."

Catherine M. was born in Schenectady, New York, about 1844, the daughter of Abraham and Harriet Swart of Orangeville. Catherine was a sister to Prudency who married Samuel N.'s older brother John.

Samuel and Catherine farmed around Orangeville until 22 September 1876 when they, with brother John and his wife Prudency, moved to Kansas. Samuel N. spent one winter in Chase County and then moved to Pontiac in Butler County, Kansas.(4)

Samuel N. began applying for a military pension as early as 1873. By May of 1892 he complained that he was totally unable to earn support because of an injury to his right shoulder, lumbago of both sides, hemorrhoids, neuralgia and chronic diarrhea. In April of 1901 Samuel N. reported that, "I have been troubled with a shortness of breath . . . especially in going up a flight of

stairs or on a little extra exertion for about eight years. I did not know what was the cause until the physician told me my trouble was heart disease. I am sure that none of my disease are [sic] caused by vicious habits as I do not use intoxicating liquors or tobacco in any form and I do not carouse or monkey with women and have no forms of vice to injure my health."

Samuel N. died 22 January 1911 and Catherine M., a widow of sixty-three, applied for a widow's pension. At the time, she owned a half interest in a 160-acre farm with a $1150.00 mortgage. That land, she said, would rent for about $200.00 a year – of which half would be her share. Her mailing address was RFD 1, Rosalia, Kansas. Catherine M. died 21 July 1934 and was buried at the Blankenship Cemetery in El Dorado, Kansas.(5)

*Samuel N.'s children:*

i Florence[9], b. 21 Sep 1868 in Orangeville, MI. She married Solomon E. Hindley 22 Mar 1901 and died 28 May 1908.

ii Samuel Claude[9], b. 12 Apr 1876. When his mother died in 1934 Samuel C. (who signed his name "S. Claude") lived on RFD #6 in El Dorado, KS. He had never married.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.
2. Military Records of Samuel Newell, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 23 Mar 1982 and 21 May 1982; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. 1880 U.S. Census; Military Record.
4. Military Records.
5. Ibid.

**Thornton Asbury[8] (Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-114.** Thornton Asbury was born 9 December 1840 at Mill Creek (now West Unity), Williams County, Ohio. He was a twenty-four-year-old farmer when he was drafted on 28 November 1864 into the Union Army. The Army described him as 5 feet 5-1/2 inches tall with blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. Thornton was mustered into Company G, 8th Regiment of the Michigan Veteran Infantry and was sent East, arriving at City Point, Virginia, on Christmas Day. The Civil War ended three months later and he was discharged at Washington, DC, 30 July 1865.

Thornton went home to Orangeville, Michigan, and by 26 February 1866 he was married. He wed seventeen-year-old Cornelia Lydia (sometimes called Lydia Cornelia) Young of that place. She was born 26 March 1849, at Saratoga, New York, the daughter of Isaac and Pauline (Fisk) Young. They settled on a farm there.

By January of 1888 Thornton

***Thornton Asbury Woodman***

Asbury, only forty-seven years old, applied to the military for an invalid's pension. He had become a physical wreck, he said, and was unable to perform manual labor. He said while he was serving near Washington, DC, on or about the last days of April 1865 he was sunstruck (sic). Since that time he had been unable to do but very little work in hot weather. When the weather was warm, Thornton testified, he would "begin to have headaches and feel dizzy and could not see good. Everything looked blurring before my eyes. My heart would palpate; it would at times stop beating almost entirely. At other times it would beat very fast . . . In the winter it would not be so bad."

By 1894 Thornton asked for an increase in pay from the $4.00 per month he had been receiving. He had continued to suffer from headaches and vertigo, he said. Now he had rheumatism, disease of the heart, chronic diarrhea and piles. A neighbor who worked for Thornton at times deposed that he knew Thornton when he returned home from the Army. "At that time," said the neighbor, "he was partially deaf. He was also lame from what he said was rheumatism and also complained of suffering from chronic diarrhea . . . He has also complained of shortness of breath and piles. None of these disabilities in this case," the neighbor concluded, "are the result of vicious habits as he has always been a man of good habit."

Thornton A. was receiving $22.50 a month when he died 30 June 1918 at the age of seventy-eight. Cornelia, who was sixty-nine by then, asked for a widow's pension which she received until she died 25 July 1930.(1)

*Thornton A.'s children:*

**9-118** i Edwin Augustus[9], b. 11 Jan 1867.
ii Armina[9] (Mina), b. 16 Jul 1868, d. Apr 1872.
**9-119** iii Loomis Daniel[9], b. 23 Jul 1875.

Note:
1. Thornton Asbury's military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 23 Mar 1982 and 21 May 1982.

**Mary Adelaide[8] (Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-115.** Mary Adelaide was born 12 July 1844 in Ohio. She married Mortimer Truman Jones 9 May 1865. He was born 4 September 1843 in Bristol, New York, the son of John and Phoebe (Carpenter) Jones. Mortimer was crippled from rheumatism for many years before he died in November 1912.

"I live alone since the death of my husband," Mary A. wrote from Delton, Michigan. "I get rather lonesome sometimes but it is my home and the folks are good to me . . . I live on the farm, or forty acres of it, that my father bought in January 1846. I have lived here most of the time since, in the township of Orangeville on what was the old stage road from Kalamazoo to Hastings and Grand Rapids."

Mary A. told about her seventy-seventh birthday, "Last July, my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and Will Woodman, my nephew, and family came to celebrate – twenty-five in all. It is easy to put off writing and I make many mistakes at the best and of course I was not educated as the most of people in these days are."(1)

*Mary A.'s children (named Jones):*

**9-120** i Ida Molly[9], b. 31 Jan 1866.
**9-121** ii Amy L.[9], b. 20 May 1875.

Note:
1. Letters from Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones, Delton, MI, 1 Jan, 13 Mar, 26 Apr, 12 May, 31 Jul, 15 Sep – all in 1921; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.

**John Bradbury[8] (Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-116.** John Bradbury was born 21 December 1835 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.(1) In the spring of 1859 he went to California. In Sacramento he was employed as a clerk in the Vernon House and spent four years there. About 1863 he went to Nevada (probably Virginia City) where he worked as a bookkeeper and collector for a wholesale firm. He also worked for the post office there.

On 31 March 1865 (or '66) at Virginia City, John B. married Sarah A. Slocum. She was born 2 February 1836 at Burr Oak, Michigan, the daughter of Israel and Minerva Slocum. After working as bookkeeper in a meat market, he moved to Gold Hill, Nevada, where he opened a market of his own.

By 1873 John B. and Sarah A. bought a 160-acre farm in Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, Michigan, where they lived until they moved into town about 1883. There John B. owned and operated the public scales.

John B. worked hard for the town. A Republican, he had ably filled the offices of school inspector, supervisor, president of the village council, was justice of the peace, and a notary public for twenty-eight years.

John B. was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having held all the offices of the lodge. "He is a public spirited and useful citizen," said the county history, "well known throughout the community where he is highly esteemed."(2)

John B. was 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 145 pounds. His religion, he said, was the golden rule.(3) Sarah A. died 5 January 1894.(4) John B. spent his last years with his daughter, Vinnie Woodman Bordner, dying 18 February 1913.(5)

*John B.'s children:*(6)

**9-122** i Frank Roy[9], b. 10 Nov 1869.

ii Harvey (Harry?)[9], b. 21 Feb 1871 at Gold Hill, NV; d. 5 Aug 1871.

**9-123** iii Ira Guy[9], b. 8 Aug 1874.

**9-124** iv Vinnie M.[9], b. 28 Sep 1876.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.
2. *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan,* editorial supervision by H. G. Cutler, Vol. II, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago-New York, pp. 780-81.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
4. *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan.*
5. A letter from Vinnie Woodman Bordner, Burr Oak, MI, 28 Jun 1921.
6. *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan;* Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; letter from Vinnie Bordner.

**Alice W.[8] (Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-117.** Alice W. was born 30 May 1851. After teaching for a time, she married George A. Leavitt on 7 February 1877.(1) Alice W. died 20 February 1918.(2)

In 1921 Mr. Leavitt lived on their homestead in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where he had been a selectman and served on the board of education. He also was a representative in the legislature in 1889-90.(3)

*Alice W.'s children (named Leavitt):*

**9-125** i Grace Ethel[9], b. 16 Nov 1879.

ii Guy[9], b. 14 Feb 1882. He graduated from the NH Agricultural College in May 1908. On 23 Jan 1913 he married Theresa L. Ronan.

iii Ira Woodman[9], b. 19 Sep 1884. He married Blanche Annis of Warren, NH, 2 Jan 1907. He was a department store clerk in Hanover, NH.

iv Nathan Young[9], b. 1 Sep 1887; d. 5 Oct 1904.

**9-126** v Van Earle[9], b. 19 Sep 1891.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 400.
2. A letter from Charles C. Woodman, Sanbornton, NH, 7 Mar 1921, written by his daughter Ina M. Woodman Tuttle, RFD #1, Laconia, NH.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
4. Ibid.; and letter from Charles C., 7 Mar 1921.

## Charles Coleman[8] (Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-118.** Charles Coleman was born 23 January 1853.(1) He is said to have spent 1876 in Wisconsin,(2) but returned to New Hampshire where he married Estella Tirzah (sic) Mason 6 January 1878. Estella was born 1 March 1854, the daughter of Thomas B. Mason (who was the youngest son of Dearborn Mason and a grandson of Reuben Mason of Chichester, NH). Estella's mother was Sarah G. (Smith).(3)

Charles C. spent the remainder of his life on the old home place, which is said to have been in the family since Captain Joshua first bought it in 1794.(4) He and Estella, with the help of Charles C.'s sister, Sarah E., cared for Ira and Betsey J. until they died.

The holiday was a sad one in 1910, for Estella died on Christmas Eve that year. Charles C. buried her in the New Bay Cemetery there in Sanbornton(5) and there is no record he ever married again. Charles C. was a Baptist and a Democrat. He was 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 150 pounds.(6) Charles C. died 6 May 1925 and is buried with Estella.(7)

*Charles C.'s children:*(8)

i Nettie B.[9] was born 13 May 1878. She graduated from New Hampshire State Normal. In 1921 she was teaching in the New Bedford, MA, public schools.(9) She died in Moultonboro, NH, 2 Jun 1937.(10)

ii Ina May[9] was born 2 Jul 1880. She married Carl O. Tuttle of Meredith, NH, on 8 Jul 1905. Sadly, Carl died 19 Feb 1907 and Ina May did not marry again. In 1921 she was caring for her father. She had no children.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 863.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. Estella's New Hampshire Death Vital Record.
4. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; 1880 and 1900 U.S. Census records.
5. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
7. New Hampshire Vital Records; cemetery records.
8. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 484.
9. A letter from Charles C. Woodman, Sanbornton, NH, 7 Mar 1921, written by his daughter Ina M. Woodman Tuttle.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records.

## Zebulon Hoit[8] (Sally Woodman Hoit[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-119.** Zebulon was born 26 June 1842. He married Phebe Goss who was the daughter of George Goss of Gilford, New Hampshire. Zebulon was a blacksmith there.

*Zebulon's child (named Hoit):*(1)

i Livonia Goss[9], b. May 1873.

Note:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 726.

**David Hoit[8] (Sally Woodman Hoit[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-120.** David was born 8 September 1849. A blacksmith and painter, David married Abbyette O. Clark 21 January 1874. She was the daughter of Joseph S. Clark.(1)

*David's child (named Hoit):*

i Winnifred May[9], b. 21 Jun 1875.

Note:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 727.

**Elsie M.[8] (Charles Chase[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-121.** Elsie M. Woodman was born 15 March 1851. She married John Freeman Hanson of Strafford, New Hampshire, a wheelwright. Elsie M. died 8 October 1884. John F. was living in 1921.(1)

*Elsie M.'s children (named Hanson):*

i Herman H.[9] married Alice M. Stuart of Manchester, NH, on 14 Jun 1905. In 1921 he was a chemist living in Dover, DE. They had one son who died in infancy.

**9-127** ii Amy W.[9], b. 11 May 1879.

Note:
1. A letter from Amy W. Rogers, 127 Fountain Street, Haverhill, MA, 5 Oct 1921.

**George Elmer[8] (Charles Chase[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-122.** George Elmer was born 2 September 1857 at Strafford, New Hampshire, and attended school there. He married Calista C. Chesley at Strafford, New Hampshire, in April 1884. She was born 18 December 1849 in Barrington, New Hampshire, the daughter of Joshua R. and Mary E. (Swain) Chesley.

Calista died 5 June 1890 – three days after the birth of her second child; she was thirty-one years old. George E. buried her in Barrington. Later, Calista's body was moved to the East Northwood Cemetery in Northwood, New Hampshire.(1)

Now George was left with two sons – an infant and a five-year-old. In 1900 the little boys were living in Barrington with Calista's parents while George E. and his mother (now a widow) lived in Strafford.(2)

George E. first learned shoemaking, but in later years he became a farmer. He didn't remarry until 22 November 1918 in Haverhill, Massachusetts. His bride was Rosalia H. Niles, who was born 1 March 1867 at Nottingham, New Hampshire, the daughter of William Industry and Louisa A. (Mills) Holmes.

George E. wrote that he had lived in Strafford about forty-five years, Barrington six years, and various places in eastern Massachusetts about ten years. In 1921 he was living in Northwood where he was a member of the Mountain Laurel Grange. He described himself as 5 feet 7-1/2 inches tall, 140 pounds with a medium light complexion. He said he was a Democrat and a Baptist.(3) George E. died in Northwood 26 January 1932.(4)

*George E.'s children:*

**9-128** i Dana Chesley[9], b. 30 Aug 1885.

ii Lawrence Chauncey[9] was born 2 Jun 1890. He graduated from the Austin-Cote Academy in Strafford in 1910 and from Bates College in Lewiston, ME, in 1914. George E. wrote that Lawrence C. "has done considerable literary work in New York City. [He] served about six months in the U.S. Army during the World War. Has been an instructor at George Washington Univ. one year, also instructor at Washington College in Chestertown, MD, one year." Lawrence was in Chestertown in 1921 and unmarried; he lived in New York City, NY, at the time of his father's death.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. 1900 U.S. Census.
3. An undated biography form in 1921 and letters from George Elmer Woodman, Northwood, NH, 6 Jul and 16 Aug 1921.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records; Rockingham Co., NH, Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Docket #26022.

### John W.[8] (Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-123.** John W. was born 13 March 1859 at Frankfort, Maine. He was taken to Michigan at the age of five and grew up around Sparta. "Here I received what education I have," wrote John W., "and this was my home until 1897. Although in 1897 I went to Owatonna, Minnesota, and staid until 1881 when I returned to Sparta. Again in 1883 I went to Kimball, Dakota Territory and there was married." John W. married Emily E. Caryl 5 May 1885. She was born 12 February 18__ at Central City, Iowa, the daughter of Charles H. and Lucinda (Hutchinson) Caryl.

"With my wife [I] returned to Michigan in 1886," John continued. "Came West to stay in 1897 and have lived at Aberdeen, South Dakota, practically most of the time since. And that place is still our home although at present I am at Frederick, 26 miles north of Aberdeen, where I am editor and manager of the *Frederick Free Press,* a paper owned by the farmers in this vicinity.

"Have never held a public office," John W. wrote, "and have never been arrested and in jail. Served on a jury once and been witness in court twice. So I have nothing of a startling nature to tell."

John wrote on, "My parents named me just John and I did not fancy a single initial, so I added the letter 'W.' and it doesn't stand for any word."

John wrote about an old family relic. "I have in my possession an old pewter plate brought over from England by some of the Woodmans. During the Revolutionary War all but 12 of these plates were melted up for bullets. I was lucky enough to secure one of the 12 left. There is a lot of engraving on the bottom of the plate, but so worn that I cannot make it out. It is claimed these plates were brought over some 350 years ago."(1)

It isn't clear where the old plate came from. If it had been brought over by Edward[1] in 1635, it would have been but 286 years old in 1921. Perhaps, it was passed to John W. from his great-grandfather Joshua[6] who was a captain in the Revolutionary War, as was Joshua's[5] brother Archelaus[5]. Perhaps the plate was not so old as John W. thought.

"The plate is nine inches in diameter," wrote Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., "flat and thick with a 1-1/4 inch flaring rim. It is very worn and knife-marked. The only other like it I have ever seen was in General Washington's camp utensils. Just discernible are parts of the words 'In Lon_____15___' and two shields or trademarks on which, at the top, is seen 'Ge.' Diagonally from the upper left to lower right is the faint work [sic] 'Luck.' At the bottom, quite distinct, is the word 'King'." John W. described himself as 5-1/2 feet tall, weighing 120 pounds, a Democrat and a Protestant.

*John W.'s children:*

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| **9-129** | i | Lillian I.[9], b. 26 Oct 1887. |
| **9-130** | ii | Clara G.[9], b. 4 Aug 1891. |
| **9-131** | iii | Lawrence Caryl[9], b. 21 Oct 1893. |
| | iv | John W., Jr.[9], b. 16 Mar 1896, was in Aberdeen in 1921. |
| | v | Olive May[9], b. 26 May 1897. In 1921 she was a postal clerk in Aberdeen. |
| | vi | Ruth V.[9], b. 31 May 1900. In Aberdeen in 1921. |
| **9-132** | vii | Mabel[9], b. 7 Oct 1902. |
| | viii | Robert[9], b. 9 Oct 1910. In 1921 he was in Aberdeen. |

Note:
1. Unless indicated, all the information was sent by John W. Woodman, Frederick, SD, 10 Apr, 24 Apr, 29 May, 14 Aug, 18 Dec 1921; an undated biography form and five undated pages – all 1921.

### Clara G.[8] (Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-124.** Clara G. was born 8 April 1863 at Jackson, Maine.(1) She married Gilbert C. Rhodes 19 December 1891. Gilbert C. was born 20 November 1868 in Michigan and died in 1901, leaving Clara to raise their one small daughter. Clara's granddaughter wrote, "My grandmother Clara worked and raised and educated my mother by herself after my grandfather's early death. She managed this by living with a Mrs. Tobey (who was also a widow)."(2)

Clara G. wrote, "I was supervisor of home economics, Galesburg, Illinois, High School from January 1903 to June 1919. I was in Chautauqua work in Missouri in the summer of 1907 and a member of the Galesburg Chamber of Commerce for several years, resigning after securing talent for 1919. I was a member of the Home Economic State Board, Rural Clubs, 1912 and Chairman of the Home Economic State High School Conference of Illinois 1917-1918. [I was] chairman of the Women's Conservation Committee Council of Defense during the war [World War I] and a member of the Men's Council of Defense; I organized and supervised community kitchens. Last year in July [1920]," Clara G. continued, "I took up dietitian work in the hospital at Zanesville, Ohio."(3)

After retirement, Clara G. went to live with her only daughter on a farm outside of Washington, DC. Her granddaughter wrote, "After my parents sold the farm, my grandmother went to live with a long-time friend. My mother's death was a terrible shock to her and her mental health deteriorated after that. My brother tried to keep her with him as long as possible, but she finally died of arteriosclerosis in the Delaware State Hospital 12 November 1955 and is buried in Falls Church, Virginia."(4)

*Clara G.'s child (named Rhodes):*

**9-133** i Helen Gertrude[9], b. 21 Dec 1892.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864; D.A.R. application of Clara's granddaughter, Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere.
2. A letter from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY, 13407, 19 Jan 1985.
3. Letters from Clara G. Woodman Rhodes, 1490 Lee Place, Detroit, MI; Galesburg, IL, and Bethesda Hospital, Zanesville, OH.
4. Letter from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 19 Jan 1985; D.A.R. application of Barbara Ann.

### Stephen Mead[8] (William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-125.** Stephen Mead was born 25 April 1842 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.(1) He married Elizabeth (Lizzie) S. Smith on 7 November 1863. She was born 29 December 1839, the daughter of David and Olive (Knowlton) Smith.(2) Stephen Mead was a farmer who served as a selectman for the town in 1876-1877.(3) He was only forty-eight when he died on 23 April 1890.

His home farm in Meredith, New Hampshire, was appraised at $1500.00. He had one hog, four pigs, twenty-five hens and fourteen cows. Stephen M. had but one horse and a three-year-old colt which he used for transportation; a pair of oxen did the heavy farm labor for him. He had an express wagon, a buggy, an express sleigh, a sleigh, ox cart, an ox sled and a two-horse sled. They owned a buffalo robe to cover themselves while riding in the winter. By this time, his wife owned a clothes-wringer and two tubs to do the washing. At the time of his death they had one hundred pounds of pork on hand.(4) The cause of Stephen M.'s death is not known, but his son, Harry Earnest, wrote that two of the children also died at that time.

Stephen M.'s son, Walter David, wrote, "Father was a man of sound judgment with keen insight into problems of life. A man in favor with all who knew him. Very pleasant to meet socially and well-versed in conditions locally as well as nationally."(5) He was said to have been a Democrat and a Baptist, with black hair and gray eyes – a man who was 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed 160 pounds.(6)

Elizabeth, who was probably always called "Lizzie" by her family, survived him by thirty-six years! She and her daughter Vernie May were boarders at B. T. Brown's house in Tilton, New Hampshire, in 1900.(7) Elizabeth died 12 July 1926; both are buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton.(8)

*Stephen Mead's children:*(9)

**9-134** i Walter David[9], b. 5 Aug 1864.

ii Herbert Smith[9], was b. 1 Aug 1866. When his father died in 1890, he was living in Lawrence, MA. He died 2 Jun 1904 at Center Falls, RI. There is no record he married or had children. He is buried with his parents in New Bay Cemetery.(10)

**9-135** iii Jennie Olive[9], b. 12 Feb 1868.

**9-136** iv Caroline Perkins[9], b. 28 Dec 1869.

**9-137** v Harry Earnest[9], b. 30 Aug 1871.

vi Vernie May[9], was b. 24 Jun 1873 in Sanbornton. In 1900 she and her mother, Elizabeth S., were boarding in Tilton, NH. On 4 Oct 1906 she became the second wife of Hiram Taylor Heath. Hiram was b. 21 Sep 1856 in Bristol, NH, the son of Hiram and Dorcas (Whittemore) Heath.

"I am younger than Mr. Heath," wrote Vernie. "His first wife has been dead for thirty years. Also they lost a girl and boy. Am sorry we have no little ones as we both love children.

"We have a farm of two hundred acres and only we two . . . We are not doing much farming as husband is not able to and help is so high." In October Vernie wrote that she wished they were spending the winter in Concord, NH, "I dread it [winter] on the farm."(11) In 1921 they lived in Bristol, NH.

vii Myrta Bell[9], b. 11 Apr 1875; d. 28 Apr 1890.

viii Ray Oscar[9], b. 1 Apr 1883; d. 16 May 1890. Myrta B. and Ray Oscar are buried at New Bay Cemetery with their parents and other brother.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864.
2. Elizabeth's New Hampshire Vital Records death record.
3. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 405.
4. Belknap Co. Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #4690.
5. A letter from Walter David Woodman, RFD 1, Laconia, NH, 10 Sep 1921.
6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
7. 1900 U.S. Census records.
8. Cemetery records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
9. Probate Records, Docket #4690; 1880 U.S. Census; letter from Walter David Woodman, 10 Sep 1921.
10. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
11. Letters from Vernie May Woodman Heath, Bristol, NH, 15 Jul and 6 Sep 1921 and a postcard 13 Oct 1921.

## Cynthia[8] (William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-126.** Cynthia was born 18 September 1846. On 13 May 1868 she married Orville M. Smith,(1) who died about 1900.

*Cynthia's children (named Smith):*(2)

i Alma E.[9], b. 24 Jun 1870; m. John S. Wallace in 1890. She had two children.

ii Ernest B.[9], was b. 1872; m. Eva Swayne in 1900. Ernest had two children and lived in Sanbornton, NH.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Ella[8] (William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-127.** Ella was born 7 September 1853. Once a teacher in the Sanbornton, New Hampshire schools,(1) she married a Laconia, New Hampshire, merchant named Dennis O'Shea.

*Ella's children (named O'Shea):*(2)

i Bessie[9], b. 1888.

ii Arthur[9], b. 1888 (sic).

Neither child had married in 1910.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864; Vol. I, p. 400.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### George[8] (William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-128.** George was born 19 April 1858 (or '59), in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.(1) On 1 December 1882 he married Dora Reasher. He was divorced because of abandonment on 6 October 1886.(2) On 28 January 1891 he married Mrs. Anna Belle Merrill who was born in Belmont, New Hampshire, 12 December 1859, the daughter of John Calvin and Sophorina B. (Richardson) Randlett of Laconia, New Hampshire.(3)

George and Anna lived on the farm with his father and mother, caring for them and the farm. "The home farm of 200 acres," wrote Anna, "is well known (with its beautiful views of mountains, valleys and lake) as the most beautiful location and one of the best farms in the town."

In March 1905 George was chosen Representative to the State Legislature. He died 31 March 1937.(4)

***George Woodman in 1905***

*George and Anna's children – all born Sanbornton:*(5)

i Roscoe Stephen[9], b. 25 Nov 1892. On 11 Sep 1912 he m. Ruby Lane who was b. 20 Oct 1889 in Sanbornton, the dau. of George Lane. In 1921 they were farmers; their address was RFD #1, Laconia, NH. In 1921 they had no children.

**9-138** ii Clarence John[9], b. 24 Aug 1894.

iii William Lawrence[9], b. 4 Jul 1896. He d. 23 Nov 1907 of diphtheria.(6) He is buried in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton.(7)

iv Reuben Randlett[9], b. 16 May 1898. He also d. of diphtheria twelve days before his

elder brother.(8) They are buried together in New Bay.

v Josephine[9], was b. 6 Jun 1900. On 3 Sep 1919, in her parents' home, she was m. to Carldwin (sic) A. Hunkins who was b. in Sanbornton 4 Feb 1897, the son of Frank Hunkins. In 1921 they lived on a farm in Sanbornton and had no children.

vi Ella[9], was b. 12 Feb 1905. In 1921 she attended high school in Laconia and lived at home with her parents.

Notes:
1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 864.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. A letter from Anna Belle Randlett Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 26 Mar 1921.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. 1900 U.S. Census; 26 Mar letters from Anna Belle.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records.

### Ernest[8] (James William[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-129.** *Ernest's children:*(1)

i Leila[9], m. _____ Bekins, resided in Seattle, WA.

ii Neena[9].

iii Travis[9].

Note:
1. *Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 443-4; *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker,* p. 16.

### Charles[8] (James William[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-130.** Charles married.(1)

*Charles' children:*

i Gertrude[9], married.

ii A daughter[9].

Note:
1. *Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 443-4; *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker,* p. 16.

### Elizabeth[8] (James William[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-131.** Elizabeth married _____ Bunnell.(1)

*Elizabeth's children (named Bunnell):*

i Mary Ellen[9] m. _____ Galloway.

ii Charles[9].

iii Edward[9].

iv Fred[9].

**9-139** v Minnie[9].

Note:
1. *Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 443-4; *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker,* p. 16.

**Ezra Woodman Bowen[8] (Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-132.** Ezra Woodman Bowen was born 24 January 1832. He filed marriage intentions in Morrill, Maine, 5 May 1857 with Elizabeth M. Thompson of that city. She was born there 29 April 1835. His early life was spent in North Belmont, Maine. Sometime between 1860 and 1871 they moved to Embden, Maine, where she died 6 September 1913 and he died 30 December 1918.(1)

*Ezra Woodman's children (named Bowen):*

i Edwin Everett[9], b. 24 May 1858; d. at Embden.

ii Laura[9], d. at Embden.

iii Mark[9], b. 22 Jan 1873. He married; with his children moved to Canada. The family has no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Note:
1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 55.

**Betsey Caroline (Caroline Betsey) Bowen[8] (Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-133.** Betsey Caroline (Caroline Betsey?) was born 27 August 1834 at North Belmont, Maine. She married Elisha Merriam, Jr., (intentions were filed in Morrill, Maine, 4 May 1858). Elisha was born 19 November 1833, a millwright, and owner of modern (for that time) mills capable of producing many forms of lumber.

They spent their life in Morrill where Betsey was a member of the Christian Baptist Church while Elisha was prominent in affairs of the town, serving many years as a selectman.

Betsey died 11 February 1927 at Belfast, Maine, and Elisha died 15 September 1910. They are both buried in Morrill Cemetery.

*Betsey's children – all born in Morrill (named Merriam):*

i Nellie M.[9], b. 4 Mar 1860, m. James Freeman Sheldon.

ii Judson[9], b. 13 Dec 1866; d. 26 Feb 1868.

iii Justin[9], b. 28 Feb 1868. He was an engineer at Merriam's Steam Mills; d. unmarried 15 Jan 1910. Buried Morrill Cemetery.

**9-140** iv Herman[9], b. 25 Sep 1870.

v Elinda[9], b. 21 May 1874; m. Russell Gray.

vi Richard[9], b. 26 Oct 1876. He m. Katharine A. Bunker, a registered nurse, who was b. in Vinalhaven 26 Apr 1880, the dau. of Francis A. and Ada J. (Crockett) Bunker of Vinalhaven, Cranston, RI, and Belfast, ME. Katherine A. d. at North Searsmont, ME, 5 Jan 1952 and is buried in Morrill Cemetery, Morrill, ME. They had no children.(1)

Note:
1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 55, 249, 251, 252.

**Isaac Tolman Bowen[8] (Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-134.** Isaac Tolman was born 29 August 1836. He married first at Morrill, Maine, on 18 October 1863 to Lucy W. Pierce. Lucy was born 4 September 1840, the daughter of Hiram and Deborah K. (Watson) Pierce of Belmont, Maine. Lucy died 16 September 1869 and is buried in the Morrill, Maine Cemetery. Isaac T. next married Mrs. Caroline W. Edgecomb at Belfast, Maine, 21 September 1870. A trucker, Isaac T. was drafted 28 August 1863 for the Civil War. In 1865 he moved to

Belfast and died there 29 January 1885. Caroline then married Alfred Walton.(1)

*Isaac T. and Lucy's children (named Bowen):*

i Thirza (sic) V.[9], b. 21 Mar 1865; m. Fred M. Smalley.

ii Fred Walter[9], b. Belfast 8 Aug 1867; d. unmarried at Amberg, WI, on 24 Mar 1901. A stonecutter, Fred W. was a member of the White River Granite Company of Amberg. He is buried there.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 55-6.

**Amos Franklin Bowen[8] (Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-135.** Amos Franklin was born 11 March 1839 at Belfast, Maine. He married there 15 January 1862 to Sarah Vesta Temple of Detroit, Michigan. Called Frank, he moved from Morrill, Maine, to Belfast on 10 September 1859 where in 1862 he engaged in the trucking business. Frank died there in June 1931. Sarah Vesta had died long ago in December of 1876.(1)

*Amos Franklin's children (named Bowen):*

**9-141** i Abbie L.[9]

**9-142** ii Charles Harriman[9], b. 10 Oct 1862.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 56.

**Daniel Ono Bowen[8] (Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-136.** Daniel Ono was born 29 May 1842. He enlisted in the Civil War 8 September 1862. Placed in Company A, 26th Regiment, he was promoted to lieutenant by May of 1863. Wounded at Spotsylvania thirteen days later, the young officer was discharged 17 August 1863. He joined the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, again reached the rank of lieutenant and was discharged 11 September 1865.

Following his service, he taught school in Morrill, Maine. On 26 February 1872, in Freedom, Maine, he married Leila Grace Elder. Born there 13 April 1852, she was the daughter of Rinaldo and Lenora (Rich) Elder of Hope, Maine, and Freedom.

Daniel O. was secretary of a cheese factory association and by 1883 he was elected secretary of the Morrill Co-op Association. He was town clerk for many years and a local correspondent for the Belfast, Maine, newspaper. Both Daniel and Leila were active in the affairs of the Methodist Church. Daniel O. died at Morrill 29 July 1917; Leila died there 13 December 1933. They are buried in Morrill.

*Daniel O.'s child (named Bowen):*(1)

**9-143** i Ernest Elder[9], b. 24 Aug 1886.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 56-7.

**Clara Ethelinda Bowen[8] (Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-137.** Clara Ethelinda was born 4 October 1847. On 22 June 1871, in Belfast, Maine, she married Hamlen H. Murphy of Belfast, who was born in Bristol, Maine, 19 September 1845. Hamlen was a

carpenter who lived in Readfield until 1874 when he moved to San Francisco where he died 18 March 1908. Clara E. died 6 October 1935 in Portland, Maine. Both are buried in the Morrill Cemetery, Morrill, Maine.(1)

*Clara E.'s child (named Murphy):*

i Ethel[9], b. 5 February 1874; she d. unmarried in 1946 and is buried in Morrill.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 55.

**James Woodman Gregory[8] (Elizabeth Woodman Gregory[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-138.** James Woodman Gregory (one source calls him "James Nelson") was born 29 July 1829. On 14 February 1856 he married Sarah Emily Pierson who was the daughter of David Pierson, the banker at Carrolton, Illinois.

He owned his father's old farm two miles south of White Hall, Illinois, where he erected one of the earliest finest brick houses.

James W. was a successful farmer and, with his brother Albert, owned many hundreds of acres in Illinois. James had 5000 acres in Jefferson and Gage Counties in Nebraska where he kept large herds of cattle. He was also one of three stockholders in the People's Bank in White Hall.

James W. was 5 feet, 10 inches tall and rather stout – a handsome man with dark brown hair and beard and blue eyes. He was a staunch Republican and a Royal Arch Mason. Too busy to enter the Civil War, he paid for a substitute to go in his stead. In 1867 with his health failing, James W. and his wife toured Europe.

Sarah Emily died 1 February 1878, and two days later, said to have been unable to bear such sorrow, James W. died of heart disease. They are buried in the White Hall Cemetery.(1)

*James W.'s children (named Gregory):*

i Mary Elizabeth[9], b. 30 Nov 1856; d. of typhoid in Jacksonville, IL, 12 Dec 1879; buried in White Hall.

**9-144** ii Lenora Jane[9], b. 20 Dec 1857.

**9-145** iii Eugenia Loe[9], b. 6 Apr 1868.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., written about 1905.

**Albert Bennett Gregory[8] (Elizabeth Woodman Gregory[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-139.** Albert Bennett was born 17 July 1839 in Greene County, Illinois. From an early age he and his brother James W. bought and traded land in Illinois and Nebraska, both becoming wealthy.

On 27 April 1882 Albert B. married Virginia Coleman Wilgus and lived on an estate not far from his father's farm. Such was the magnitude of his farming, Albert sometimes planted 15,000 acres of corn. He was also a partner in the People's Bank at White Hall, Illinois.

Albert Bennett died 14 April 1911 at St. Louis. He is buried at White Hall.(1)

*Albert Bennett's child (named Gregory):*

i Albert Byron[9], was b. 8 Mar 1883 and graduated from Yale; he also attended college in New York City.

Note:

1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Eileen Smith Cunningham, *Lower Illinois Valley,* Greene Co., White Hall, IL, The Country Print Shop, Modesto, IL 62667, 1978, pp. 50, 51.

**Celia Sanders[8] (Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-140.** Celia was born 30 June 1830 in Carrolton, Illinois. She married Sidney Twitchell 10 September 1851. She died near Virden, Illinois, 2 December 1861.(1)

*Celia's children (named Twitchell):*

**9-146** i Allena Loran[9], b. 9 May 1853.
**9-147** ii Ransom Loreny[9], b. 13 Jan 1855.
iii George Sanders[9], b. 6 Mar 1857.
iv Ernest William[9], b. 4 Jan 1859; d. not married.
v Clara Irene[9], b. 31 Oct 1860.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Henrietta G. Sanders[8] (Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-141.** Henrietta G. was born 2 July 1840 in Carrolton, Illinois. In Virden, Illinois, on 20 October 1870 she married Thomas Duckels, a well-to-do farmer from Chesterfield, Illinois. They lived in Jacksonville, Illinois.(1)

*Henrietta G.'s children (named Duckels):*

**9-148** i Neil[9], b. 5 Nov 1871.
ii Nellie[9], b. 30 Apr 1883.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Charles Sanders[8] (Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-142.** Charles was born in Jersey County, Illinois, 10 November 1845. He married Laura Brown, the daughter of Esq. (sic) Brown 3 October 1868. They lived at the Sanders homestead near Kemper, Illinois, on a 1,600 acre farm, where Charles was an energetic cattle breeder of purebred Herefords. Four years before he died Charles and Laura moved into town, but he was unhappy unless he was tending his herds. He suffered from great exposure riding from town to the farm and it is said his ill health drove him to insanity. Charles died 12 April 1887 in Greenfield, Illinois.

So numerous were his cattle, auctioneers spent more than two days selling his herds. On 31 March 1891 Laura married James H. Smith and lived in Greenfield.(1)

*Charles' children (named Sanders):*

**9-149** i Platt A.[9], b. 26 Oct 1869.
**9-150** ii Stanley E.[9], b. 20 Aug 1873.
**9-151** iii Clarence F.[9], b. 17 Oct 1877.
iv Pearl H.[9], b. 17 Oct 1884, m. Louise Richardson of Chesterfield, IL 1 Sep 1904. A well-educated young man, in 1908 he lived on his father's and grandfather's old homeplace, though having replaced the house by a new one in 1905.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Norton Johnson Sanders[8] (Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-143.** Norton Johnson was born 5 September 1848 in Jersey County, Illinois. On 30 November 1870 he married Joanna Landiss near Carrolton, Illinois. They farmed in Greene County near Greenfield, Illinois, until he retired in 1887 to Santa Barbara, California, where they lived nine years. About 1928 they lived on Main Street in Los Angeles.(1)

*Norton Johnson's children (named Sanders):*

i George Leon[9], b. 25 Sep 1871; m. Frances Nesbit in Los Angeles 30 Nov 1904. He was a lawyer.

ii Nyda[9], b. 27 Jul 1874; d. Los Angeles 6 Jan 1896.

**9-152** iii Ola[9], b. 8 Oct 1876.

iv Fred[9], b. 20 Sep 1885 near Carrolton.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**John Black[8] (Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-144.** John was born 11 February 1831. He first married Deliah Early 13 September 1855; he married second, Mary Rebecca Wilson 1 April 1880.(1) He lived in Carrolton, Illinois, farmed near Woodville, Illinois, lived in Texas and Missouri. He died in Neosho, Missouri, 22 or 23 March 1895 and is buried there.

*John and Deliah's children (named Black):*

**9-153** i Mary E.[9], b. 12 Aug 1857.

**9-154** ii William A.[9], b. 7 Dec 1859.

**9-155** iii Alice E.[9], b. 4 Jul 1861.

iv Laura T.[9], b. 23 Oct 1863; m. David A. Stout 23 Nov 1892.

v Henry[9], b. 23 Nov 1869; d. 4 Jun 1885.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Catherine M. Black[8] (Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-145.** Catherine M. was born 20 June 1832. On 25 January 1855 she married Curtis W. Brace of Utica, Herkimer County, New York, who was born 11 December 1825. They lived in Kane, Illinois. Curtis died 9 January 1899. Following his death Catherine M. lived with her daughter in Carrolton, Illinois.(1)

*Catherine M.'s children (named Brace):*

i A daughter[9], b. 12 Jul 1858; d. 12 Mar 1859.

**9-156** ii Julia[9], b. 1 Sep 1860.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Alice E. Black[8] (Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-146.** Alice E. was born 22 February 1849. On 3 June 1874 she married James L. Cullimore of Baltimore, Maryland, and lived in a beautiful home in Carrolton, Illinois.

James L. served as private in Company I, 91st Illinois Infantry during the Civil War and kept a diary. He died 4 February 1888. In 1908 Alice E. and her daughter lived in the old family home. Alice E. died 9 June 1917.

*Alice E.'s children (named Cullimore):*(1)

i Edward B.[9], b. 16 May 1875; d. 4 Jun 1890. Buried in Carrolton.

ii Grace L.[9], b. 30 Nov 1877. She knew a great deal about music. The *White Hall Register* in 1873 called her "a thoroughly educated and read [sic] lady." She had her father's diary.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Alfred Woodman Schuyler[8] (Mariah Woodman Schuyler[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-147.** Alfred Woodman was born 19 November 1832. He married 19 August 1855 to Sarah J. Gilliland of Carrolton, Illinois.(1) He died in Hempstead, Texas, 9 December 1859, of Yellow Fever, which he contracted while there on business locating a harness shop. He is buried in Hempstead.

*Alfred Woodman's children (named Schuyler):*

i Alfred Gilliland[9], b. 20 Oct 1857; d. in infancy.

**9-157** ii Joseph Henry[9], b. 22 May 1859.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Joseph James Schuyler[8] (Mariah Woodman Schuyler[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-148.** Joseph James was born about 1834; married Francis Bachouse, foster daughter of Dr. Latham of Manchester, Illinois, in 1859. She died in 1862. In 1863 he married Sarah Lorton of White Hall, Illinois. Moved to Missouri and died there in 1895.

*Joseph James' children (named Schuyler):*

i Edson[9].

ii _____[9].

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Edwin Arkless (Edward Archelaus)[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-149.** He was born at his grandfather Elijah's home on Woodman Mound in Greene County, Illinois 25 March 1846. There is some confusion as to his name.

Mrs. Mary Hobson of Thomasville, Illinois, who was a stepdaughter of old Elijah[6], said Elijah[6] named this child. "I never liked my name," the old man said, "so name him for father and

grandfather, Edward Archelaus." If Mary Hobson quoted Elijah[6] correctly, his statement does not make total sense; Elijah's father was Archelaus; his grandfather was Joshua[4] – not Edward. At any rate, the boy called himself "Edwin Arkless" instead of "Edward Archelaus."

On 1 November 1861 – just fifteen years old – he enlisted as drummer boy in Company E, 32nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Col. Geo. H. English; Brigade Commander was General Moner. Early in 1862, tired of being a drummer, he went into the ranks. On 1 January 1864 he was mustered out and the same day reenlisted as a veteran private and served until 16 September 1865 when he received an honorable discharge. He participated in every battle in which the 32nd took part, excepting Shiloh or Pittsburgh Landing because he was in the hospital. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea and in the Grand Review in Washington in May 1865. He went through the entire war without receiving a wound.

After the war he farmed in Greene County then became a conductor on the street cars in Kansas City. In 1887 he married Emma, daughter of Frederick and Anna Krieger. She was born in St. Louis, 22 February 1868. They lived together but a short time before he went to the soldier's home in Quincy, Illinois. Edwin was 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighed about 160 pounds; dark brown hair with sideburns and brown eyes. Mrs. Woodman and her daughter lived at 4309 Prairie Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri (about 1908).(1)

*Edwin Arkless' child:*

i Edna May[9], b. in St. Louis, MO 25 Mar 1888. She was a graduate of the Eliot School and Perkins and Herpel Business College. A stenographer in St. Louis, she was a blonde, 5 feet 3 inches in height and weighed about 100 pounds. She was a member of the St. James Evangelical Church.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Mary Ann[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-150.** Mary Ann was born at Woodman Mound in Greene County, Illinois on 14 July 1848; she married Charles S. Howard, 5 March 1873. A contractor, he was born west of Carrolton, Illinois 11 August 1848. After their marriage they moved to Walnut Grove, Illinois, and resided there several years and then moved to the vicinity of Rockbridge, Illinois.

Mary Ann died 22 November 1881 north of Rockbridge, Illinois, and is buried in West Cemetery, Greenfield, Illinois. In 1888, after his wife's death, Charles moved to Greenfield.

Mary Ann was 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighed about a 140 pounds, dark brown eyes and auburn hair – a member of the Baptist Church.(1)

*Mary Ann's children – all but first born in Rockbridge (named Howard):*

i Norman Lynn[9], b. near Walnut Grove, IL 5 Dec 1873; a blacksmith in Greenfield; m. Nellie Mae Clark of Carrolton, 23 Sep 1898.

**9-158** ii Charles Henry[9], b. 18 Mar 1875.

**9-159** iii Mary Elizabeth[9], b. 5 Oct 1878.

iv Grace Catherine[9], b. 17 Mar 1880. Resided with her father until the fall of 1906 when she married Curtis Cochran of near Greenfield. She furnished data concerning her grandfather's family. One child born, Feb 1908, Greenfield. She died in May 1910, her second child buried with her.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Alice Caroline[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-151.** Alice Caroline was born 29 October 1850 in Linder Township, Greene County, Illinois. She married David Cannedy of Greenfield, Illinois, and lived there.

*Alice Caroline's children (named Cannedy):*[(1)]

i Frederick[9], b. 16 Jun 1881 in Springfield (sic).
ii Maude[9], b. 7 Sep 1889 in Springfield.

Alice C. had several children who died.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Emeline[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-152.** Emeline was born in Linder Township, Greene County, Illinois, 20 April 1854; she married John T. Black, 28 February 1877. Mr. Black was born in Greene County, 7 February 1850 and was a brother to William Black who married Caroline[7] Woodman.

A farmer near Carrolton, Illinois, they moved to Arkansas, in 1885 to Kansas and in 1888 returned to Illinois. In 1891 they moved to St. Louis.

Emeline was 5 feet 5 inches inches in height, had brown hair and blue-grey eyes. They separated; in 1908 she lived in California.[(1)]

*Emeline's children (named Black):*

i Byron E.[9], b. in Greene Co., 13 Jun 1878; m. Maude _____.
**9-160** ii Claude C.[9], b. in Greene Co., 18 Aug 1880.
iii Clyde J.[9], b. in Arkansas, 6 Oct 1882.
iv Nettie[9], b. in Arkansas, 5 Apr 1885; d. Aug 1885.
v Nina B.[9], b. in Arkansas, 5 Apr 1885. She was a twin of Nettie. Both died at same time in Kansas.
vi Beulah[9], b. in Kansas, 22 Jun 1888; m. to Herman Hooper of St. Louis, Mar 1908.
vii Bruce R.[9], b. in St. Louis, 29 Apr 1893.
viii Bonnie M.[9], b. in Illinois, 9 Jul 1897.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### John Walter[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-153.** John Walter was born in Linder Township, Greene County, Illinois, 1 September 1856. In December of 1885 in Kansas, he married Nora E. Tanner who was born in Indiana 31 August 1868, the daughter of Joseph and Matilda Tanner.

Following their marriage they lived in St. Clair County, Illinois, until 1895 (?) when they went to Indiana. In 1903 they went to Mooresville (sic) where they separated in the fall of 1905.

John Walter was 6 feet tall, 180 pounds with dark brown hair and grey eyes. A member of the M. E. Church, he was last known to be in St. Louis, Missouri (1908?).[(1)]

*John Walter's child:*

i Ruth Clare[9], b. in St. Clair Co., IL 31 Aug 1892.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Thomas Clinton[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-154.** Thomas Clinton was born in Linder Township, Greene County, Illinois, 9 July 1859. At the age of five his sister Elizabeth took him to her house, schooled and cared for him until he was a man. During early life he farmed and worked in a tinner's shop. In 1887 he moved to Greenfield, Illinois, and opened a successful jewelry store. In 1908 Thomas C. owned three entire blocks in Greenfield where he had an orchard, a garden, poultry house and yards, a five-room cottage and his store building.

He first married Ellen Taylor but soon separated, without children. On 3 July 1889 he married Josie, the daughter of F. J. and Nancy Critchfield. Josie was born four miles south of Greenfield, January 6, 1869.

Thomas C. was 6 feet in height, weighed 140 pounds, with dark brown hair and blue eyes, with a mustache. A good natured, jolly, happy man he died 25 March 1908 of consumption.(1)

*Thomas Clinton and Josie's children – all born in Greenfield:*

i Opal C.[9], b. 28 Apr 1890.
ii Garnet[9], b. 4 Nov 1891; d. of tuberculosis, 24 Jan 1894.
iii Samuel[9], b. 16 Oct 1893; d. of same disease 23 Apr 1894.
iv Clifford Raymond[9], b. 11 Jul 1895. May have served in World War I.(2)
v Lula May[9], b. 24 Jan 1898; d. of measles 27 Apr 1902.
vi Harry Clinton[9], b. 2 Jan 1900.
vii Louis Otto[9], b. 5 Sep 1904.

Notes:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
2. Greene Co., IL Historical and Genealogical Society, Carrolton, IL.

**George Wesley[8] (Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-155.** George Wesley was born near what is now the village of Eldred, Greene County, Illinois, 11 October 1866.

He was a bright youth and showed much aptitude to studies; he received a grammar education at Eldred and took a portion of a high school course in Greenfield and Winchester, Illinois.

He farmed near Eldred until the spring of 1897, serving two terms as constable and deputy sheriff. His health failing, he went to Riverside, California, where he was employed in the Chino Beet Sugar Factory. He later entered Rockwell Brothers Grocery firm as city solicitor. Being an enterprising young man he soon formed a firm of his own, with a Mr. Blackwell as partner in a successful grocery business.

Back in Illinois with restored health in 1898, on the 9th of June, George Wesley married Anna Lelia, daughter of James L. and Laura (William) Fasnacht (?) at Carrolton, Illinois. She was born there 31 December 1875. After their marriage they went to Riverside, California, and made their home, at 130 East 11th Street.

He was 5 feet 11-1/2 inches in height; weighed 160 pounds, black hair and brown eyes. He was a member of the M. E. Church and a faithful Prohibitionist. When asked if he had any children, the reply was; "The brightest, sweetest little Woodman born for a long time."

*George Wesley's child:*(1)

i Laurestha[9], b. in Riverside, 11 Jul 1907.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**James Henry[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-156.** James Henry was born in Rockbridge Township, Greene County, Illinois, 22 October 1838.(1) He accompanied his restless father from place to place until 22 March 1860. James Henry turned towards Texas, going horseback most of the way. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "He arrived in Hunt County, Texas, at the home of his uncle, James Terry, 3 June 1860, staying there until the spring of 1861. During that year he was breaking wild horses that had been called unmanageable, earning from $5.00 to $25.00 each. He continued the work occasionally until he was forty saying: 'A man that was never thrown, never broke many bad horses.'"

"When the Civil War began," Elijah F., Jr. continued, "a proclamation was issued giving every northern man a chance to leave the state within twenty days. He took what stock he had and decided to take his chances on the western frontier of Texas, stopping five miles south of Clifton, Bosque County – country said to be crowded with lawless white men, Indians and Negroes, with a few law-abiding white men trying to keep the peace. It is said they hung every desperado they caught without ceremony and awaited the next.

"While he was in Bosque County," wrote Elijah Franklin, Jr., "James Henry was asked to join a frontier regiment. He did so on 1 February 1862, joining the 2nd Texas Rangers. He stayed in the service four years, being discharged in 1866. The duty of the regiment was scout duty. They had a 'beat' of fifteen miles which had to be watched day after day; if they found Indians had crossed the line they had to follow and sometimes fight them. James Henry told me of several pretty hard fights with Indians. One night he was awakened by Indians stealing his horses. He saw several immediately in front of his door and was going to shoot, but his wife would not let him. She said he should wait until the soldiers gathered . . . In the chase he rode so hard that his mare threw her hoof, compelling him to stop and get home alone. James Henry was given the honor of being corporal but said he never could stand to see men 'just aching for fun and not let them have it'."

On 26 December 1862 James Henry married pretty Martha Julia Dalton of Galveston, Texas, who was born 10 September 1848. They settled near Stephenville in Erath County, Texas near where they married.

After the War James Henry started north with seventy-six horses and over eighty cattle to sell. He stopped in Denton County for the winter and during this stop Martha Julia died. It was 10 January 1867, one day after her second child was born, leaving him a baby girl and a four-year-old boy. She is buried in Rollett Cemetery Collin County. The winter was extremely cold and he lost fifty-three horses and nearly all his cattle. And he had to pay from $27.50 to $30.00 per month for board for himself and children. After eighteen months he married again. This time, on 6 March 1869 to E. (sic) Cranfill, daughter of George Eaton Cranfill of Cranfill's Gap, Bosque County, Texas. She was born 10 November 1848 in Greene County, Illinois.

It is said James Henry had been dating Miss Cranfill and had promised to marry her. Then he met Martha Julia Dalton and married her instead. After Julia's death James H. went to Miss Cranfill and persuaded her to become his second wife. When she consented, he said, "I got a bargain I have never beat since."

To build his house James H. hauled lumber 150 miles from Dallas. He bought about 400 acres there in Erath County and persevered in the lonely empty place. In time, the country attracted other settlers and became a settled farming region.

There is a family story that when James H. was young he had a vivid imagination which caused him to believe in ghosts and devils. When he was about fifteen years old, some of the neighbors dressed in white and lay hidden on his father's farm and frightened him as he walked by. It is said James Henry threatened them with a gun when he found who they were.

Physically, it is said, James Henry had few equals. Back in Zanesville, Illinois, at about the

age of twenty, he competed with his neighbors in jumping. In this game, one was to stand and jump three straight jumps. James H. cleared 36 feet 4 inches. He was a great dancer and an excellent violinist; at one time, the family said, he was the second best violinist in the state of Texas.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote, "Although there were many hardships in his life, James H. managed to have fun out of everything. One day when his mother had James paring apples, she went into the house. James, thinking she would be gone sometime, took a chew of tobacco. She came out about the time James needed to spit; he concluded the easiest way out would be to swallow. His mother noting his paleness, asked him if he had a chew in his mouth? He swallowed again and answered "NO." But in a few minutes he concluded 'the wages of sin is death.' He used to hide his tobacco on the cornice of the old log house and when he wanted it he would climb the ends of the logs. His mother had been making soap under that corner one day and left the kettle there. As James reached around for the plug, his foot slipped and he fell striking his shin on the edge of the kettle, skinning it all the way. He grabbed his injured limb and yelled, 'Don't give a D—n who knows it, I will chew as long as I live.' He kept his word about that."

At one time James H. kept many bees on his farm. He had one of the finest herds of Berkshire hogs in the County and raised thoroughbred Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep, and Angora goats that won blue ribbons at the Texas State Fair in 1903. He rented the farm out to others when he got old.

James Henry became one of the most influential men in that section. He was a director of the Citizens National Bank in Dublin, a Democrat with much interest in political affairs. He was a member of the Baptist Church and sometimes preached, though he was not ordained.

When James Henry's sister Martha F. Davis died young in 1898, he took her one-year-old daughter, Evey May, to rear.

James Henry came back to Illinois in 1904 to attend the St. Louis Exposition. While visiting his brother Elijah Franklin in Carlinville, Illinois, he met many of his boyhood friends. It is said he met one old sweetheart who did not recognize him. "Who," James H. asked her, "was the first man you ever told you loved?" "It was Jim Woodman," she said, and then quickly denied it.

Jim was 5 feet 10 inches tall, and weighed 200 pounds with auburn hair, blue eyes and a mustache. In 1904 his health was not good; he had stomach trouble and dizzy spells. "Smoking for forty years made me sick," he said; "taking quinine in excess made me deaf."

Anna Woodman Daley, a niece of James Henry, said that when the South was defeated in the Civil War, James Henry refused to ever come home (to Illinois) again, but it is not true.

*James Henry and Martha Julia's children – all but second child born in Erath County, Texas:*[2]

**9-161** i Calvin Return[9], b. 9 Dec 1863.

**9-162** ii Julia Orlena[9] (one list calls her Julia Pauline), b. 9 Jan 1867.

*James Henry and E___'s children:*

iii Son[9], b. 16 Jul 1869; buried Duffaw, TX.

iv Son[9], b. 20 Mar 1870; d. same day; buried Duffaw.

**9-163** v Alice Pauline[9], b. 3 Feb 1872.

**9-164** vi Caldonia[9], b. 8 Oct 1874.

vii Charles Henry[9], b. 3 May 1874.

viii Claude Harris[9], was b. near Dublin, Erath Co., Texas, 20 Jan 1880. When he was twenty-one he went back to Beaver Co., Oklahoma, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres. In 1906 he sold it for ten times its cost and bought a good farm in Quanah, Hardeman Co., Texas; then he went to Tyrone, Oklahoma. Claude Harris was m. 4 Jul 1906 to Stella, daughter of _____ McCollum. Stella was b. in Eckmansville, Ohio, 22 Apr 1889. The marriage took place in Hugoton,

Kansas. Claude Harris was 6 feet in height, weighed 165 pounds, black hair and grey eyes. He was an excellent violinist and a dancer.

**9-165** ix Ida May[9], b. 23 Oct 1881.

x Albert[9], b. 27 Sep 1883 near Dublin, Texas. Seemingly born with a roving disposition, he left home on his pony at age thirteen. He returned home, but was too restless to stay. One day he tacked a note on the wall which read, "I am gone again." Finally he settled down to farming with his father.

On 18 June 1905 he married brown-haired, blue-eyed Mahalia, daughter of _____ Gibson, who was born in Williamson County, Texas, 7 October 1887. They were farming near Dublin when his wife left him and went to her father. Albert finished his year's farming and left also. It isn't clear where he went or if he ever returned. Albert was a 6-foot-1-inch-tall Democrat and weighed 160 pounds, with light auburn hair, and blue eyes.

**9-166** xi Lucile[9], b. 12 May 1887.

Notes:
1. 1850 U.S. Census Greene Co., IL.
2. 1880, 1900 U.S. Census, Erath Co., TX; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Anna Woodman Daley notes.

## Elijah Franklin[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-157.** Elijah F. was born in Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois 8 January 1840. In the fall of 1853 he moved with his parents to Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois.(1) With a pair of oxen named Rock and Dennis and an $8.00 second-hand plow, he set out to be a success. The following is a partial account of Elijah F.'s early life which he dictated in 1905 to his son Elijah Franklin, Jr. Only pages two and three exist. There is no way to know its original length.

. . . fence, took an armful, went home and cooked them. Kept thinking how I got them and could not eat much. On the morrow I got on the old blind mare, Julia, took 25 cents and went to the man where I got the corn and told him about it. He laughed and said, "Keep your quarter and take more when you want them." He complimented me for my honesty and the next corn tasted much better. While keeping house father left for four or five days. Some mean, lowly men concluded to erect a scarecrow. I went to get dinner and there was the devil! Do not remember how fast I ran after turning my back. James, my older brother, came in and exposed the devil, which was made of sheets and pillow cases. Next day they borrowed my gun so there would be no danger of getting shot. I afterwards slept for a week or more with my gun loaded with buck shot for those bad men. Three or four of them were afterwards shot and imprisoned. One or two went to the penitentiary and I was glad of it. This was the meanest trick played on any of father's boys to this day (1905). Brother James came near killing one of them one night and would have done so had a man not shoved his arm up and disarmed him.

I have killed more ducks, wild geese and brant than I could carry through the mud. There were millions of them then.

A dozen or two of prairie chickens could be killed in a very short time then. Once I was chosen as one of five men to shoot chickens for the Fourth of July Celebration dinner, 1856-58, and the winner was to get a new hat. I killed thirty-three chickens and one quail; the next best was nine chickens. But the judges laughed at me and I never got my hat but did get very angry.

The country was wild then and plenty of wolves and have counted twenty-nine deer at one time playing on a mound where I now own a fine farm of over four hundred acres, worth $2.50 an acre. It is now selling for $75.00 and $100.00 per acre (1905). I plowed this the first time it was ever plowed, driving a prairie team for father. It consisted of four or five yoke of oxen to a large plow which was supported in front by wheels. It cut twenty-two to twenty-four inches. Often rode four to six miles before breakfast after cattle and eat [sic] my breakfast at home. The price paid for breaking prairie was $2.50 per acre. I often hollowed at the oxen until hoarse, too hoarse to talk.

***Elijah Franklin Woodman***

Now an important event occurred: My father and I had a racket for the first time. It was in my 18th year and father had said if he thrashed us, we would not forget it. I now think he was right. I carried boards on top of a barn, helping father cover it. Father never allowed a word back; but I thought I would be smart, said a word to the old gentleman that he disliked. Never remembered what it was, but such a thrashing as I got! I tried to jump off and had nearly escaped when he discovered my intention. He jerked me back and tried to make me cry. But I did not and have not cried since. He got tired and quit. I went down to the house and would have left then but mother said 'No.' I told her I would never work any more for father except he paid me for it. Mother told him and he got very angry, and came to me next day and I told him if he would give me Rock and Dennis, I never would ask for another thing. He tried every way he knew to make me stay and finally said, 'take your damn steers and go to the devil with them.' I took them and went to work and in the spring, later, went to my Uncle John Hoffman in Greene County, who married my mother's sister and I bought six two and three year old steers, what we called "raw-cattle." I took them home and broke them to work, or partially so, hauling wood or logs to get yokes for the rest. But I had no plow! Mr. Miller, who was going to Pikes Peak, where a great gold field had been discovered, had an old plow to sell and only wanted eight dollars cash for it, but where was the cash? I told him my story and he said if father would sign a note for eight dollars with me due last of September, I could have the plow. So I wrote a note and as I had not been to school but little, you should have seen the note. I wish I had it now. Father was in the crib shelling corn when I got back. I thought I would help him to shell a little and ask him about signing the note. When I mentioned it the corn somehow began flying all around in the crib. I thought maybe there was something the matter with the crib so I found the door pretty lively and never offered to help him shell corn again. Took the note to Mr. Miller as it was and he looked at me and laughed. Said 'Well, bub, I have an honest place for it and you can have the plow.' I took old Rock and Dennis, now old oxen, went and got the plow and never asked another man to sign my note nor would not sign any one else's from that day to this. I took the plow to the black-smith, Joseph Meyers, who always seemed to like me. About the time I was done telling him what I wanted done to the plow he said, 'I no do the work if your father don't vouch for you.' I did not like that fellow any more. Twenty years afterwards he ran from his shop up the street and across the square, when I was crossing the square with a wagon load of work to be done at the other shop, to get me to bring my work to his shop. He was an excellent smith but had become poor while I went the other way. I asked him if I owed him anything, which I knew I did not, but would sometimes get him to do a fine job. 'No by gob, you bring your work on, it makes no difference about the money. I want your work.'

It did me lots of good to tell him about the plow that he would not fix when I had neither money nor friends. It would not do to ask father to vouch for me, especially if he were in the corn pen. So I drove over to the other shop, Messrs. William Kerr and Benj. Draper, and they did the work for me with a word or voucher. The 28th day of March, 1858, I started my prairie team at $2.50 per acre on prairie where two or three weeks later I could count seven teams. It was the year the great comet was visible. And it rained most all the time, but I kept going, mud and rattle-snakes was all we could expect. And we were never

disappointed. Once I got lame in my foot or toe and would ride to the end on an ox. Get off and hobble around and let the plow in, get on old Rock and ride to the other end, hop around and do the same until the landlord said my foot was getting dangerous and he would drive for me, as he could not plow for corn. I let him try it and I went home to mother and she soon fixed it up. I kept on until the 10th of June and made three hundred and twenty-five dollars and traded my team, plow, whip and all that cost me $200.00 for a three hundred dollar span of mules and sixty five dollars cash to boot. Took the money and paid my black-smith and other little bills. Took the mules and plowed and planted ten acres of corn, June 22nd and then sold the mules to go on a threshing machine, with an old set of chain harness, for $325.00, a good note and some cash. Paid uncle for the cattle that was not due until September. Worked all fall threshing, shucking corn, etc., and went to school the remainder of that winter for the first time in six or seven years. I went part of the next winter and made arrangements to go the next winter, but came of age on January 8 and one of the directors said I could not go so I had to abandon schooling altogether, as I had to [sic] and did always pay my board, after leaving home, even to my father. But it was a great satisfaction twenty years later to kick that educated director off of his farm, by paying him the cash for it. Bought another prairie team and run it the next year and done as well or even better than the first year. I could get a job anywhere. Bought a little span of mules for $225.00, got a new set of harness, hired a man to drive the oxen at $14.00 per month, while I made a crop of corn. Went to see him one wet day and rode a mule, took the bridle off and threw it down on the fresh plowed sod. Some cattle came along and was horning the sod, caught my bridle on one of its horns and ran off with it and two or three men and as many dogs could not make him throw the bridle off it horns, so I lost my $2.50 bridle and had to get another. Sold the mules and harness for $300.00 and traded three yoke of the cattle the same day for a span of mares and a colt and a big fat hog and $75.00 in money cash. Fattened the other yoke and drove them to St. Louis. They weighed 2850 pounds and I got $96.00 for them. The team, cattle, plow and all cost me $240.00. I raised pretty good corn and got 35 and 40 cents per bushel for it. Bought forty acres of land that fall, my first forty for $800.00. Brother James was something of a trader himself. The spring I was making up my team of oxen he had traded for a hard looking mare. He owed me $12.00. He said he would give me that mare for the note and a big sow I had. I told him I would do it. After the trade father looked in her mouth. Well, I can hear him laugh yet! James helped him too. I knew I was badly beaten. But I went to work and did not cry while feeding and currying the old lady. She soon was looking fine. I traded her for a yoke of oxen which the man said he was offered $90.00 for. Twelve miles from home, put the saddle on one of them and rode him home by ten o'clock that night. Yes, I could ride a steer.

I quit breaking prairie but continued to farm the best I could. Seemed the struggle for living or credit which I have never used much was over. Brother Charlie and I boarded at James J. Woodman's. Our first crop of corn was in the pen. He wanted Charlie to move or pay his board. He had no money. I paid the men and he paid me first. Could not pay all his board and he [James] owed me a note; would let me credit the note but about run us both off, because Charlie paid me first. I had an old Manney reaper and was going to cut James' wheat for 75 cents per acre. The customary price. He said I would have to cut it for 50 cents per acre or I could not board my men there, which he charged me 25 cents per meal. I told him I would not do it. Went down to Zanesville, about half a mile and got board for 15 cents per meal and cut our wheat and threshed it. Thirty five or forty bushels to the acre, and got a dollar and a dollar and a quarter and $1.50 per bushel. Gosh but we were rich! Had ten or fifteen men they would get in the wagon, we would run the team hard as they could go and the men swinging their hats and hollowing for more wheat! Get dinner and go back the same way. The other parties looking on with envy as we passed in front of their fields and places. But we made it a frolic. At night I would take the men down to supper then get in my wagon and drive back to the field where I had built a little house and barn and feed five or six pigs; feed my team, crawl up in the little hay mow and go to sleep if I could. Up next morning and down to the hotel and wake the landlord and the cook and perhaps everyone else about the place, get breakfast and go again the same route over. About this time I began to think I was a man and some others seemed to think so too.

So ends the autobiography Elijah F. dictated to his son in 1905.

Accounts of Elijah Franklin's life differ in detail. He is said to have gone to Colorado in 1864; another story had him in Nebraska that year. It is said that in 1864 Elijah F. got a job as a government auctioneer, that he traveled from Ottumwa, Iowa, by coach to Fort McPherson in Nebraska. And that during the following three years out there he sold thousands of acres of condemned government land while he carried on a real estate, mercantile and contracting business for himself.

Elijah F.'s daughter, Anna, wrote, "There is more about his stay in the West. Sitting Bull was his very best friend he ever had. He wrote those words on the side of a newspaper clipping when Sitting Bull died. He would not sell the Indians liquor when he had the government store and that was why the friendship developed with Sitting Bull, their chief."

Elijah F. returned to Illinois and on 28 December 1871 in Litchfield, Illinois, he married a woman much younger than himself, Anna Shaw. Anna was born 15 February 1854 at Lyons, New York, the daughter of Joseph and Betsy M. (Woodruff) Shaw. Anna died 27 April 1881 – in childbirth or following childbirth; Elijah F. writes of burying an infant at her breast. Anna is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield, Illinois. She was only twenty-seven.

Following her death; Elijah F. who was forty-one at the time and left with two young sons, aged two and eight, passed through desperate years of grieving. In his loneliness, he had read – and probably reread poems from a little book he found in his departed wife's possessions. The book had belonged, first, to his wife's mother, Betsy Woodruff Shaw, who had written in the book as early as 1840. Betsy had written poems which she called "Lines." They were little poems and as was common in that time; they were sad, morbid poems written about departed friends and relatives and dead children.

Elijah F. wrote, "This Book was hur mothers in which she wrote many important Events During life was Realy a Pootes (poetess). My wife thought much of it as I do now containing many origanal thoughts during those lonely years."

Toward the end of 1881, full of his overwhelming sorrow, Elijah F. began writing in the little book himself. Despite his original spelling, with his lack of education apparent, Elijah F. managed to express himself wonderfully well. His entries are touching and wrenching; they are achingly poignant.(2) The first entry was seven months after Anna died. Six weeks of rain and darkened skies must have contributed to his sadness.

Nov. the 18th 1881
Still raining after 6 weeks continued Rain the Country now flooded with water the
Rivers Higher than known Since the High water of 1857. I am tired & Lonesome. Mrs.
Etter keeping House Seems to Be good & Kind
to my Little Boys may she Prove so to the End yes the End That awful Word the END now
causes me to mourn and my Heart to Beat quick in my boussom the lass [loss] of my Darling
wife to Short a life if Taken By Another may you Rest with others Blest until I meat you with
Little Brothers.
EFW

Elijah F. did not write again until 10 February 1882 when he noted the weather and then:

Sunday Night September the 17th 1882
My self and Little Boys Ben to new hope Baptist Church. hurd Elder Barbee [?] Preach Rather
good Surmond [sermon] took Dinner at Aunt Maryes Woodruff. Rathr Pleasant. time Mr. Richard
Barnett was also there & family all Enjoyed them Selves But my Self and they try to make it
Pleasant for me. But Alass there was one missing that Darling Little Wife Anne Shel I Ever have
Rest or Be Happi again.
this Lonely Road So hard to find Some Kind friend Point out in time.
EFW

And that same month:

September 30th 1882
One more Lonely Sunday. Mrs Etter moved yesterday. Sophia Piggott
Coming Back tomorrow may we meet & Part as Friends For Ever
She knew and loved
My Preashious wife
and I would gard hur future with my Life

Undated entries follow:

the Purust Wife
the Kinlist mother
it Seams to me
there is no other
gentel Trusting in the truth
Even from hur verry youth
The trueist friend unto the End
I will Spend my life til god may Send.
Elijah
October 7th 1882
Seams Lonesome after Supper I am all alone Save my little boyes . . . may we all be Happie yet . . .
EFW

And now it is winter again in Illinois, and darkness comes early in December. Elijah will soon spend his second Christmas without Anna. It is easy to imagine Elijah sitting by his fire in the dim glow of a kerosene lamp.

It is Finisht and I to must go
it Seams to me in grief and wo [woe]
Who will care for Woodman now
If I can Be Saved I know not How.
<u>May Be Happi yet</u>
E. F. Woodman
Dec. 16th 1882
Dec. 25th 1882
That happer day is drawing nigh
that Seams so Sad to them and I
she Sleaps alone By that solom stone
That Causes my heart this day to mourn
While others sleaps and take there Rest
I alone must stand the test
god Seamed to think it for the Best
to Keep this aching in my Breast
If I could sleap and only Rest
Ide think it shurley for the Best
Alas this trusting Heart is Rent
and cannot forget hur monument
The workaman's chisel has made its mark
As She did on my trusting Heart
now Ive trusted this Kind gent
To <u>cut the name on Hur monument</u>
It is cut on Earthe the last time
what a solm thought so will Be mine
Great god alone can only Tel How well I Loved hur oh how well
Fair well Darling For ever Fair well.
E. F. Woodman

Undated advice from Elijah:

Never Ad one Drop to A Cup of Sorrow
neither to A full Cup of Happiness
never Consult a Dry Fountain
By the Sound of the churn you can tel the quantity and quality of Cream
Boys never Suck a Dry Teat. EFW

Elijah continued to grieve and he expressed himself eloquently. It is heartwrenching to read:

On my Wifes monument:
Fairwell Darling Wife and Mother
you have Left your Son with Little Brother
I will Bring them up From Presheshious youth
in Honor Justis and in Trouth
Now I must Leave you in Sweat Rest
with one Darling infant near your Brest
with this awful aching in my Brest
Fairwell Darling you have stood the test
If I can Live and Sease to Sin
I Pray Oh god we meet agin
Elijah F. Woodman
She was Born Feb 15th, 1854

and:

. . . and may the Lonely thought Some time cross your mind That I Still Love you to the
End of Blind Addoration.

The next month Elijah went to the "worslds Fair" at New Orleans. That was the year he began courting some lady.

Some times we meat
And I to am Glad
To oft we Part and I am mad
To Sea you Smile when you are Sad
Alas we Part the Best we can
and Ill Leave you for that other man
Because I cannot Further go
Will Bring my Heart to grief and woe
I Some times think that Hese [he is] Free
And Love you a Little Just to See
then I find I am Firmly Bound
with those white arms my neck around
then I Get Sleapy & Kinder glad
That I often get a Little mad
to Leave you a lone and looking Bad
When I could make your heart So glad
Feb 16 Woodman 1885

The meaning of some of Elijah's poetry is not easy to comprehend:

My Sack in hand
Determined to Fill
and now it is filled & Ill turn Back
to Start out Perhaps on a nother track
if This Sack will Fill
I will take it to mill
I know its Rough Road

and up a turable [terrible] Hill
yes it has filled once at least
Caused me some trouble
to Obtain many Feasts
Should I succeed in the End
I will always contind
I need Some Big Womman to Be my Friend

Near the end of 1885 their old dog died:

Nov. 30th 1885
My Old Friend Ned
you now are Dead
a truer Friend
I never feel
I will care For you
the Best I can
for I hope I am
a greatful man
The Little Boys
and I will try
To Live without you
Although they cry
Now we Lay you here to Rest
You was always Ready and did your Best
Fairwell Ned your in honest Soil
and Paid your way By honest Toil
age 11 years 9 mt 10 days
My old Dog Epitaph composed while Waiting for the boys from School.

Elijah was a loving, proud father. He wrote,

> . . . the Little Boys are Sleaping so nicely and it is Plasant to think how fast they Learn at School. Commodore Finished the turm Reading Splendid in fourth Reader at 7 years old may I have at Last nice Dreams
> Ta Ta Ta X

The following is written to a new love:

I Feal my Love while now at Treashure
To write One word to Teashure
Ere we Shal Part twill grieve the heart
To think we're Done with Pleashure
If to Be alone and Free at Last
I Regret no step I've taken
Let Others think and talk as they will
I will cherish Sweet memories of the [thee] still
EFW Dec 8th 85

Elijah F. must have had competition for some lady's hand and he wrote:

While I am a lone
So Lonesome and Sad
Some other cus whispers
Oh I am so glad.

Now Elijah reviews his life since Anna died:

April 25th 1886
at home all alone yes alone Easter Sunday Beautiful Day the Latest Easter

for 152 years nice all last week, trees all in full Bloom Everything Smiling in natural Splendor
while I Sit at my window alone & think That I am on times Eturlal (eternal?)
Brink While there is one so far from home. It has Done no good five years
to mourn . . .
Five years Enough of Prison life it Seams to me Ill (I'll) End this strife.

Elijah F. had a series of housekeepers to care for him and the boys. Now he evaluates them in verse:

Mrs. Burch Gon home or away
and we Alone must Stay
and I will Get some other
to be our great grandmothers.
Jan 28th 85
Mrs. Wesfall the Dearest of all
Gone to the Devil to make them a call
July 25th 1885
Now Maggie Piggot has gon away
I hope to See hur feller
She Wont Come Back so very Soon
All owing to the weather.
Dec 6th 1885
Sophia Piggot was Bes of all
She was always Ready to feed us all
Now She is helping a Better man
I would Assist hur if I can
Nov. 20th 1883
Mrs. Etter was not much Better
Although so very Kind
She made the pies and best puden
And was always glad to see poor Woodman
Nov. 20th 1883
And Mrs. Brue I alway knew
Would Rais the Devil & make a Stew
For this is worst of all indeed
She Left us all <u>without</u> our <u>Feed</u>
And Mrs. Guire was all on Fire
To make us trouble was hur Desire
it always Seamed to hur a loss
if I would not let hur Be the Boss
I could not See it in this way
So I told hur She must go away
Aug 1st 1886
And Dillie File the last of all
come to Stay with us all Fall
She Done quite well the Boys tell
But couldn't wash close [clothes] so very well
But Done quit well for one so young
For I wouldn't Schold Only for fun.

And finally the last entry:

E. F. Woodman Moved with his Family To Bird Township McCoupin County March The 14th 1887
Family consisting of him Self & Wife Regina M. <u>Ädams</u> Woodman and
His Two Little Boys Loy L. Woodman <u>14</u> years and Commodore B. Woodman <u>9</u> years
and Will Pierson Who Has Proven Faithful Survant For Ten or Twelve years
and now Friend May We all Be Happy yet.
E. F. Woodman

On 30 November 1886 Elijah had married again. She was Regina Maria Adams, one of four children of Austin E. and Maria Carolyn (Anderson) Adams. She was born on a farm in Bird Township, Macoupin County, Illinois, on 20 November 1856.

Both the Andersons and Adams were prominent county families. Maria Carolyn's father, Col. James Campbell Anderson and his wife Ann Rice (Harris), had come to Carlinville, Illinois from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he is said to have owned lots of land and many slaves.

Austin E. Adams who was born in March of 1826 in Henry County, Kentucky, was himself the son of Horatio Adams who was born in Henry County, Kentucky, in 1799. It is a family tradition that these Adams are related to the Adams family of presidents, but it seems unlikely.

***Maria Carolyn (Anderson) Adams***

Regina Maria had come from a different background than Elijah F. She had a gentler birth. Sixteen years younger than Elijah, he had been out furiously scratching and clawing for success before she was born. Regina had been sent to school and had even attended Blackburn College. Religious and educated, she loved books and flowers and music and worked hard to make her home beautiful. Called quiet and unassuming, her children spoke of her "sweetness." Her son Elijah F., Jr., wrote, "She was a tender, kind-hearted, generous woman and mother and her only failing was that she was apt to allow her own judgment to be swayed by [the] wish of others."

In March of 1887 Elijah and Regina moved from Nelson's old place near Zanesville in Montgomery County to a 190-acre farm in Bird Township in Macoupin County which belonged to Regina. Elijah F. added 200 acres to the place.

Elijah F. seems to have continued his hard-driving, acquisitive ways. By the time he died, he is said to have owned 1200 acres of land – in Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas and California. Oil was developed on the land in Oklahoma, but the wells were never giant producers. His daughter Anna Orlena wrote, "He was a very smart man. Papa could not be classed as a farmer, he was a land owner. Besides stocks in the Litchfield Bank and Trust and grocery co-operative, gold mines, railroads, livestock market, coal mine at Carlinville, Building and Loan Association. In late years his investments kept him on the run. That is why he had to have Frank [at] home."

Elijah was called a "strong" Democrat, but seems not to have held public office except as a school director in the local district where he actively demanded reforms. In 1923 his son, Elijah F., Jr., admiringly wrote the following:

"My father – Elijah F. Woodman, Sr., of Carlinville, Illinois was a member of our District School Board, had reformed it and on being censured by some, delivered this address on the closing day of school – my last day of country school. Following his only sickness age 63 – and as I write he is 83.

April 20, 1903:
Teacher, Friends, Patrons and Little Ones. I believe that Virtue and Truth is a duty that man owes to his own soul and fellow man. Though there was no Heaven beyond, or any God to rule this lawless world, it is not less the binding law of Life. It is even mans dutiful privilege to die even for Truth. The only thing or thought that will live forever – and no one can forbid or deny. Destroy me, if you must, brother men or women; pour out your rage upon me, smile on in cold disdain you hypocrites, so far from God and Truth, who see me as a lost boat upon the deep water of Life — Earth, Heaven and Men combine in your might to crush, — I still hold fast to this inheritance!! My strength is passing, my youth already gone – time alone could wither it. The step less firm and the eye growing dim – the heart – poor thing – beats the well trodden paths of time, but it is not proof against the agony it must endure and life may slip from its folds; but, if so, my lot shall be Peace! And, Even so, shall triumph. And if dying give the lie to soulless destiny that dares to boast itself the Conquorer – the Master of Man!!

And then wrote young Elijah, Jr. "I close my eyes and see those eyes flash as he hurled this at those men. They were as little as he says and 20 years living shows his estimate correct."

***Regina (Adams) Woodman***

Even as a youth, Elijah F. did not suffer those he perceived as fools lightly, but there is evidence that as he aged he became unreasoning, dictatorial and demanding. There is no doubt the sweet-natured Regina Maria was intimidated by the older, rougher man.

Old letters from the quiet, reserved Regina to their son Elijah F., Jr., cautioned him "not to anger Papa." The son had spent his young life farming and carrying out his father's directions, but the old man had not paid him enough to give him any independence. The old man, he thought, managed always to hold him hostage. There were years when the son was deeply alienated from his father.

Actually, Elijah F., Sr., seemed to swing from callousness to kindness and generosity. When he did lend his son money to buy a farm in Missouri, a farm on which the son failed gigantically, the old man loaned him more money for a house in Oklahoma. And when the son died suddenly at the age of thirty-seven, the father tore up the notes. "He was very strict and truthful," wrote the daughter, Anna. "His policy was as he said, 'Look any dam [sic] man in the eye and tell him to go to Hell' when he knew they were a hypocrite or fraud!!!"

In 1928, after forty-one years on the farm, Elijah and Regina moved into Carlinville to 616 E. 1st South Street. He had been a Blue Lodge Mason, a Royal Arch and a Knight Templar. When he died 22 July 1929 of a stroke, he was the oldest member of St. Omer Commandary #30, K.D. Lodge of Litchfield, Illinois.

Elijah F. remembered all of his children in his will. I have never seen an inventory of his

estate, but he seems not to have been wealthy. In fact, by the time the estate could have been settled, it was likely much devalued by the October crash of the stock market that year.

The timid, lady-like Regina lived on in the house; her last years were ones of suffering. She died very early in the morning of 22 January 1936. She and Elijah F. are entombed in the Mayfield Mausoleum at Carlinville, Illinois.

*Elijah F. and Anna's children:*(3)

**9-167** i Loy La Grande[9], b. 10 Jan 1873.

**9-168** ii Commodore Beecher[9], b. 16 Jul 1877.

*Elijah F. and Regina's children – all born at Carlinville, I think:*

**9-169** iii Elijah Franklin, Jr.[9], b. 6 Sep 1887.

**9-170** iv Josephine Maria[9], b. 4 Aug 1889.

**9-171** v Anna Orlene[9], b. 5 Jun 1892.

**9-172** vi Lola Temperance[9], b. 3 Feb 1895.

**9-173** vii Gratia Pauline[9], b. 10 Apr 1897.

viii Jessie Marie[9], b. 10 Mar 1900. She d. 30 Nov 1965 and never married. She is buried in the mausoleum at Mayfield Cemetery in Carlinville, IL. Jessie M. was said to be mentally or emotionally ill. One relative said, "I blame her father for her condition. It seems she was a normal child until she reached her teens. The old man had made up his mind that Jessie M. was the one to care for him and his wife in their old age. Consequently her father never allowed her to have friends or to be around people her own age. It's very sad."

Notes:

1. Notes from Elijah F. Woodman, Jr., 1908, and Anna Woodman Daley; obituaries of Elijah F. and Regina Maria; *Biographical Record of Macoupin Co.*, p. 52, Vol. 1; a newspaper clipping cc Oil in OK; last will of Elijah F.
2. A book of Betsey Woodruff Shaw, 13 Jul 1821 – 10 Oct 1864.
3. Elijah's children: Anna Woodman Daley, Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Elijah F., Sr., will; lists of heirs of the Regina Woodman Trust.

## Charles Calvin Gregory[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-158.** Charles Calvin Gregory was born 8 January 1842 near Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois. He farmed in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois, where he married 9 June 1867 Mary Eliza, the daughter of Harvey Burch. She was born in Greene County 6 March 1847.(1)

In 1878 Charles Calvin, Mary and Mary's parents moved in covered wagons to St. Paul, Kansas, in Neosho County. They spent about four weeks in St. Paul (called Osage Mission at that time) while Charles Calvin bought 160 acres of good land about a mile from the Neosho River.

It is said that one hot August day while stacking wheat, Charles Calvin became overheated. That evening while swimming in the river he cramped in his side and was never well again. He died 23 August 1891 at age forty-nine, said to have been caused by bronchial trouble or consumption. He is buried in Lake View Cemetery there in Neosho County. It is said he had one of the nicest homes in the county.

Charles Calvin was 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 150 pounds with blue eyes, brown hair and mustache. He was a charter member of the Anti-Horsethief Association. In Illinois he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; politically he was a Democrat.(2)

*Charles Calvin Gregory's children:*

i Cora Elizabeth[9], b. 28 Mar 1868; d. 15 Jan 1871.

ii John Ernest[9], was b. in Zanesville, IL 9 Nov 1870. He was twenty-one when his father d. and he became the main support of his mother, brother, and sisters. He stayed in Neosho Co. until 1900. After his brothers and sisters had gone from home, he spent a few years traveling before he

moved to California, where he has resided. Most of his time before 1908 was spent on the Leeguna Detacha Grant Ranch eight miles from Leemore. John Ernest said he received no education through schools but by the hardest kind of experience.

John Ernest had not (about 1908) married. He was 5 feet 8-1/2 inches tall; weighed 160, with dark brown hair, sandy mustache, blue-grey eyes. He had no political preference – simply voting for the best man – and no particular religion. He was a member of several well-known lodges, among them the A.W.T.A. It is said that to be a member of that lodge, one must be unimpeachable in character.

iii Otis[9], b. 3 May 1873; d. 4 Sep 1873.

**9-174** iv Lula May[9], b. 31 Oct 1874.

v Minnie Ethel[9], b. 5 Feb 1877 in Greene Co., IL; d. infancy.

vi Julia Josephine[9], b. 12 Feb 1879 in Neosho Co., KS; d. 8 Mar 1889.

**9-175** vii Gracie Mabel[9], b. 12 Aug 1881.

viii Charles Grover[9], b. 7 Aug 1884 in Neosho Co., KS.

ix Maudie Jane[9], b. 7 Aug 1844, a twin of Charles Grover. Always delicate, she d. the following Feb.

Notes:
1. 1870 U.S. Census, Greene Co., IL.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Hiram Return[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-159.** Hiram Return was born 11 or 12 December 1844 in Rockbridge Township, Greene County, Illinois. By 1860 he was in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois, with his parents(1) where he married Samantha Miller 10 May 1867. Samantha was born 27 May 1850 in Illinois, the daughter of James A. and Edy Miller. When Samantha was four months old in 1850, she was living with her parents in Jersey County, Illinois. James A. was twenty-eight and Edy was twenty-one, both were born in Kentucky.(2)

By 1880 Hiram R. and Samantha had left Zanesville and were living in Bourbon County, Kansas. But by 1892 the restless Hiram had land down in Chandler, Oklahoma Territory.(3) But census records taken only every ten years cannot record the movements of the truly restless. Hiram Return's nephew, Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Uncle Hiram Return was possessed of a roving disposition and in 1873 we find him in Kansas; in 1874 in Illinois; from 1876 to 1877 in Texas, and from then to 1885 in Ft. Scott, Kansas; from 1885 to '86 in Texas again; '86 to '90 in Ft. Scott and from 1890 to 1902

*Samantha (Miller) Woodman Rogers*

in Chandler, Oklahoma; 1902 until 1903 in Tulare County, California and then to Ft. Scott; from there in 1906 to Lawton, Oklahoma. When he went to California he decided he would enjoy the trip more if he went in a two-horse wagon; therefore, he and his wife made the trip in that manner."(4)

Mantie (Samantha) was listed as a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Lawton, Oklahoma Territory on 1 October, 1901 and they lived there until Hiram R.'s death 7 August 1921.(5)

Hiram R.'s nephew Elijah F., Jr. wrote, "Uncle Hiram operated a dairy farm near Ft. Scott, Kansas, for some time before going to Lawton, Oklahoma, and he engaged in many occupations, having been; farmer, drayman, merchant, and a rancher. During his two years residence in Oklahoma he served as Chief of Police in Chandler. On the 8th of January 1896 he became paralyzed while on his ranch near Tulsa, Oklahoma. His doctors treated him for more than a year when they told him he must die, as he was incapable of moving any of his limbs. He told me he was as stiff as an iron bar. Upon hearing the verdict of the doctors he told them he would live 'to dance upon their graves.' Most [the doctors] have since died. Hiram Return discontinued [sic] doctors and went to the hot baths at Ft. Scott, and in August 1898 he became as active as ever.

"He is 5 feet 7 inches in height," Elijah F., Jr. continued, "and weighs 170 pounds; black hair, and eyes; also black mustache and vandyke. He is a Democrat. I am not aware what his church is but he is a very religious man."(6)

Mantie (calling herself "Minnie" of Okmulgee, Oklahoma) remarried on 14 June 1926 in Lawton. She married Frank E. Rogers who was born 23 June 1874 (the birth date on his tombstone), twenty-four years younger than the seventy-six year old Mantie who gave her age as fifty-three.(7) The marriage did not last long, however, for Frank was dead in a little over two years, expiring 3 September 1928.(8)

Mantie lived on and on. Twenty-two years after Hiram R. – fifteen after Frank Rogers. And when she died 2 October 1943 in Lawton she was, indeed, a celebrated pioneer. Her obituary disclosed that she had been a nurse since the age of eighteen. It also disclosed a great deal more.

Her name, said the *Lawton Constitution* obituary, was Manta Minte Rogers and at 102 years she had been Lawton's oldest citizen. Mantee (sic), continued the column, had been born 27 May 1841 in London, England (where both her parents had been born). When she was one month old her parents had smuggled her aboard a sailboat which crossed the Atlantic Ocean, arriving in this country when she was about a year old. The family had settled south of Springfield, Illinois where Abraham Lincoln had once been her teacher! The imaginative article continued, "All five children born to her are deceased . . . She lived through the terms of twenty-two of our thirty-two presidents, and except for the War of 1812, Mrs. Rogers had lived during all the wars of the United States." And so, with the town believing every word of it, Mantie was laid to rest in the Highland Cemetery in Lawton between her two husbands.(9)

*Hiram R.'s children:*(10)

i Dorah[9], b. 1869 probably in Zanesville, Montgomery Co., IL may have d. young. She was listed in the 1870 Census; she was not listed with the family in the 1880 Bourbon Co., KS Census.(11)

**9-176** ii Oran Ardious (Ardious Oran)[9], b. 30 Dec 1870.

**9-177** iii Frederick Platt[9], b. 9 Dec 1872.

**9-178** iv Claudia Gold[9], b. 25 Sep 1874.

v Robert[9], b. Jun 1891 or 1895. He was an adopted child whose father was b. in New York and his mother in England.(12) Anna Woodman Daley wrote, "Robert was found on their [Return's] doorstep one morning." Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "He [Hiram R.] says he [Robert] is one of the brightest little fellows he ever saw."

Notes:

1. 1850 Greene Co., IL U.S. Census; 1860 Montgomery Co., IL U.S. Census.
2. 1850 Jersey Co., IL U.S. Census.
3. 1870 Montgomery Co., IL U.S. Census; 1880 Bourbon Co., KS U.S. Census; Oklahoma land registry, Probate Deed, BK. 1, pp. 515-16; 1900 Lincoln Co., OK U.S. Census.
4. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
5. *The Tree Tracers,* Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Inc., Lawton, OK, Vol. VII, #2, p. 73; 1910 Comanche Co., OK U.S. Census; Lawton City Directory 1911, p. 207.
6. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
7. Comanche Co., OK Marriage Book, 16, p. 563.
8. Frank Rogers tombstone, Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Comanche Co., OK.
9. *The Lawton Constitution,* 3 Oct 1943, pp. 1, 8, Columns 1 and 6.
10. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley and Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; 1870 Zanesville, Montgomery Co., IL U.S. Census; 1880 Bourbon Co., KS U.S. Census; 1900 Chandler, Lincoln Co., O.T. U.S. Census.
11. 1870 Montgomery Co., IL U.S. Census.
12. 1900 Lincoln Co., O.T. U.S. Census.

## Americus Josephine[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-160.** Americus Josephine (called Josephine by her family) was born near Kane, Jersey County, Illinois, 11 November 1849. She kept house for her father while quite young and had little opportunity to attend school.

She was married 31 October 1869 to William Augustus Sims at the home of Harvey Burch in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois. William A. was born in Greene County, Illinois, 20 January 1846.

On November 8th that year, Mr. and Mrs. Sims, with just a few dollars in their pockets, went to Sacramento, California, where for three years they operated a small truck farm. In 1872 they moved to Sonoma County where they farmed for one year. In 1873, having heard much of the San Joaquin Valley and Tulare County, they made it their home. William A. bought a small tract of land and added to that until he owned something over six hundred acres; most of it was in fruit. They had enormous crops of apricots, peaches, pears, oranges and everything known to California. In a few years Mr. Sims shipped one hundred tons of prunes, yearly, besides tons of raisins and dried fruit. Mr. Sims was rated one of the county's most successful horticulturists; he exhibited fruit at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. He also grew a new popular peach – one of his own liking and known as the Sims Cling.

Mr. Sims was once nominated on the Democratic ticket for the legislature. He refused to campaign but carried his home county by many votes, but in the total he lost by four votes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims were great travelers, returning to Illinois many times, attending most of the fairs and expositions, going to summer resorts, etc., as well as an annual camp-out in the mountains.

William A. was a very large, kind man, and a general favorite with all the children. He weighed 285 pounds, was 5 feet 10 inches in height.

Americus Josephine was 5 feet 7 inches in height, a well-proportioned woman. She was very intelligent and possessed excellent judgment; one would travel far to find a more dignified, refined old couple. Josephine's brother, Elijah Franklin[8], who visited there in 1907 said, "They have one of the finest homes in the San Joaquin Valley. It has not only size, but every modern convenience. Their lawn is like looking at something like Shaw's Garden [Botanical Garden] in St. Louis."(1)

*Josephine's children – all but first two born near Farmersville, Tulare County, California (named Sims):*(2)

**9-179** i Eulalie[9], b. 6 Mar 1871.

ii Winfred Augustus[9], b. 23 Jul 1873 in Sacramento Co., CA; m. 26 Nov 1896 Harriet Evans who was b. 31 Aug 1873 in MI. He was foreman on the fruit-growing Kune Ranch. Later, an orange grower. No children.

**9-180** iii Volney Adrian[9], b. 24 Jul 1875.

**9-181** iv Josephine[9], b. 30 Apr 1878.

**9-182** v Lenora[9], b. 29 Jan 1880.

**9-183** vi Avah Edith[9], b. 12 Mar 1882.

**9-184** vii Commodore Woodman[9], b. 26 Jan 1886.

viii Lelia Myrtle[9], b. 3 Apr 1888. She m. 1 February 1908 to Ray Clotfelter, a manager of a lumber yard in Dinuba, California. Ray was the youngest son of D. T. Clotfelter of Three Rivers, California, and was born 31 July 1883.(3)

Notes:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; 1850 Greene Co., IL U.S. Census; D.A.R. application of Winifred Martha Sims Barnes, Jan 1964.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and Anna Woodman Daley.
3. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

### Orlena Augusta[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-161.** Orlena Augusta was born in Greene County, Illinois, 12 February 1852.(1) She mostly grew up in Montgomery County, Illinois, where she went to school when she could.

In Zanesville, Illinois, on Christmas Eve of 1874 she married Benjamin Pearman, a farmer. For the next twenty-two years they lived in North Litchfield Township and then Butler Grove Township in Montgomery County.

In May 1897 Orlena A. went to Tulare County, California where she bought twenty acres. In 1907 she moved to Visalia, California, where on New Year's Day of 1900 she married a good-looking man named Isaac Newton DeHart. It is said Orlena was a good-looking, intelligent woman with "a great temper and much pride." There is no hint of what happened to Benjamin Pearman.

*Orlena Augusta's children (named Pearman):*(2)

**9-185** i Benjamin Clare[9], b. 31 Mar 1876.

ii Enos[9], b. 4 May 1878 in North Litchfield Twp., Montgomery Co., IL; d. 14 May 1878.

**9-186** iii Myrtle Estelle[9], b. 6 Sep 1879.

iv Keith Woodman[9], b. 18 Feb 1882 in Butler Grove Twp., Montgomery Co., IL where he lived until 1904. That fall he entered business college in St. Louis, MO. It is said Keith was a "fine, manly-looking fellow about 5 feet 10 inches in height." In 1907 he probably lived in St. Louis and was not married.

v Clark Earl[9], b. 18 Nov 1883 in Butler Grove, IL. He moved to California with his mother.

Notes:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; 1860 U.S. Census Montgomery Co., IL.
2. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Martha Fidelity[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-162.** Martha Fidelity (two of Nelson's grandchildren called her Martha "Cordelia") was born 22 June 1854 in Rockbridge, Illinois. She married Thomas E. (probably Edgar) Davis of North Litchfield, Illinois, 6 September 1874. On the marriage license she was called "Mattie F." Thomas was born about 1854 in Illinois, the son of Jefferson M. Davis who was born in Illinois in 1831 and Elizabeth Davis.

In 1880 she and Thomas were living in Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, where Thomas was listed as a "laborer."(1) Thomas had a Patent for 160 acres of land in Lincoln County, Oklahoma Territory signed 5 March 1896.(2) It is said Martha was a medium-sized woman, being 5 feet 7 inches tall with dark brown hair and blue eyes.

***Martha Fidelity (Woodman) Davis***

It isn't clear when Mattie and Thomas E. died, nor is it known for sure which one died first or where they are buried. It has been a family tradition that Mattie and a son died first and that about two weeks later, Thomas E., weak with fever, while hauling cotton to the gin fell from his wagon and was killed.

They had a hard, sad life. Mattie had borne twelve children in twenty-four years. Lula, Bessie, an unnamed baby, Everett and Vernon O., five in all, had already died. Now at about the age of forty-six both Mattie and Thomas died leaving five children under the age of seventeen; Mattie is said to have died of a "Congestive Chill." Mattie's great-granddaughter, Mary Ann Cash Winters, thinks they could have died of smallpox because a newspaper of the time said the disease was in the area.

Circumstances lead to Thomas E. dying first. Old receipts for payment of accounts of the T. E. Davis Estate during the first three months of 1900 indicate Mattie and Thomas died early in 1900. Mary Ann Winters thinks Mattie died about 23 February 1900. An old receipt dated 23 February has: "Perkins, February 23, Received of T.W. Newell (Mattie's son-in-law) $40.00 being payment in full for two coffins for the wife and son of Thomas Davis, Deceased." The coffin for son may have been a newborn child. Anna Woodman Daley and Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought the couple were buried at Perkins, Oklahoma, but Mary Ann finds no records there. "There is," she said, "a marker in the Osage Cemetery at Agra, Oklahoma, marked 'Davis,' but no names are on it." Now the family scattered.

*Martha F.'s children (named Davis):*(3)

**9-187** i Harry Edgar[9], b. 15 Jun 1875.

ii Lula (Lula May?)[9]. The Tarrant Co., TX 1880 Census lists a Lula, age 3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought she maybe died in Texas prior to her parents' death.

**9-188** iii Nora E.[9], b. 15 Feb 1879.

iv Bessie[9], Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. thought she was b. 5 Mar 1882. The 1885 Montgomery Co., KS Census, listed Bessie as a 3-year-old born in Texas. Probably died in Kansas.(4)

**9-189** v Bert Auti[9] (Bertie), b. 21 Oct 1883.

**9-190** vi Delbert LeRoy[9] (Roy. L.), b. 1 Nov 1886.

**9-191** vii Gordon James[9], b. 15 Apr 1889.

viii Everett A.[9], b. 25 Apr 1890; d. 9 Oct 1899 of malaria and spinal trouble, age 10. Probably buried in Osage Cemetery, Agra, OK.(5)

ix A baby[9], b. 16 Dec 1892; dead; buried Perkins, OK?

x Vernon O. (A.?)[9], b. 29 Jun 1894; d. fall of 1898 of fever.

xi Eva May[9], b. 23 Sep 1897; In 1900 she lived with her Uncle James Henry Woodman[8] in Dublin, Erath Co., TX. It is said she won a prize for picking 350 pounds of cotton when she was eight years old. She married Raymond Elrod. In 1941 she lived in Rising Star, TX. In 1964 she lived in Anson, TX.(6)

xii Myrtle M.[9], b. 8 Nov 1898 in Lincoln Co., O.T., was being raised by Mrs. Regina S. Jennings of Agra, OK.(7)

Notes:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and Anna Woodman Daley; 1880 Tarrant Co., TX U.S. Census; Martha's marriage license, Montgomery Co., IL; notes from Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK, 1990.
2. Lincoln Co., OK Land Patent Book 1, p. 151.
3. Anna Woodman Daley; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; 1880 Tarrant Co., TX U.S. Census; Mary Ann Cash Winters.
4. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; Mary Ann Cash Winters, Dec 1993.
5. Death records from *Perkins Journal,* Perkins, OK furnished by Mary Ann Cash Winters.
6. 1900 U.S. Census Erath Co., TX.; Obituaries of Harry Edgar Davis and Gordon James Davis sent by Mary Ann Cash Winters; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
7. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

## William Benjamin[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-163.** William Benjamin was born 21 August 1863 in Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois.(1) In 1870 the seven-year-old William B. was living with his parents in Greenfield, Greene County.(2) But promise of new land and new chances beckoned and about 1882 his father, Nelson, moved to McKinney in Collin County, Texas just a little east of Denton.

It is said William Benjamin who was nearly of age when they arrived in Texas, bought 160 acres and lived there for eight years. In 1890 he moved to Greer County, Oklahoma Territory where he homesteaded on 160 acres and bought eighty acres more where he lived until 1899.(3)

In the meantime, on 19 October 1892 he had married Minnie Anderson, who was born 30 April 1872. It is said she was the daughter of a white man named Anderson and a full-blooded Comanche Indian woman who was supposed to have been born on the spot where the Dallas, Texas County Courthouse now stands. It is said Minnie was taken from her Indian mother and raised by her father.(4)

After a few years in Greer County, William sold out and bought 120 acres in Grayson County, Texas, where he stayed until 1902. Soon he was up in Carrolton, Illinois, where he bought property and operated a small hotel. After a couple of years he joined his younger brother Albert in racing horses down in New Orleans, Louisiana. The next spring, William Benjamin bought a farm in Roodhouse, Greene County, Illinois, but by 1906 William Benjamin was back in Oklahoma.(5) It is said that when William Benjamin left Oklahoma he sold his land Patent to his brother Oscar Edwin for a side of beef, a wagon and team and a $20 gold piece and just moved on.(6)

About 1921, near Gould, Oklahoma, William Benjamin and Minnie took a seven-year-old orphan named Opal Pitman to raise. Opal was born in 1914, the daughter of Oscar and Lottie Pitman who died out in Colorado during the 1918 influenza epidemic. Opal had four brothers and sisters; William Benjamin's brother Oscar Edwin took Opal's older sister Mable to raise. In 1921 William B. would have been fifty-eight years old and Minnie forty-nine – a considerable age to have taken the responsibility of bringing up young Opal.(7)

"Uncle Bill," said Opal, "was a very restless man who moved around alot. He and his brother Oscar were always going off to race horses and Minnie did a lot of caring for the family." Opal remembers the family went down to Texas for a short while, but by 1923 or 1924 they moved back to Greene County, Illinois, to Whitehall. By 1925 they were in Cleveland, Ohio, where they stayed a year or two. They had, for a time, lived on one of Elijah Franklin's farms which was probably around Carlinville, Illinois (Elijah F. was William's half brother). But they didn't stay long there either. "They never adopted me," said Opal, "but they were always good to me. I used to help them work in the cotton fields but they never made me do it. I did it because we were all poor and I wanted to help. I looked upon Minnie as a mother. She was a wonderful, kind, quiet woman; she was very clean and worked like a dog. Minnie made her clothing and mine by cutting up others' old clothing. She was about 5 feet-4 1/2 inches, weighed 135-140 pounds, had blue eyes and gray hair which she wore pulled back with a knot in the back. Minnie had a hard life, and she never seemed happy. She was sad," added Opal. "Uncle Bill settled down some as he got older but they never had much."(8) William B. died 28 January 1940 at Hollis, Oklahoma.(9) William Benjamin was 6 feet tall, weighed 170 pounds and had dark brown hair and eyes and a mustache.(10)

When Opal married Minnie and William's son, James Roy, she became Minnie's daughter-in-law. "Minnie was a wonderful mother-in-law," said Opal. "Minnie lived with us for years after we married. I could not have raised my children without her." Finally, Minnie went to live with her son, Jess, where she spent most of her time until she died in Alton, Illinois 1 December 1971.(11) William and Minnie's eldest son, Jess, who died in 1974, had the bodies of William B. and Minnie exhumed and buried in a family plot in Alton, Illinois.(12)

*William B. and Minnie's children:*(13)

**9-192** i Virgil Nelson[9], b. 19 Oct 1893.

**9-193** ii Anna Florence[9], b. 19 Sep 1895.

**9-194** iii Izora Temperance[9], b. 8 Oct 1897.

**9-195** iv Mamie Elizabeth[9], b. 26 Aug 1899.

v William Albert[9], was b. 13 Jun 1901 in Grayson Co., TX; he d. 29 Sep 1901 and was buried in Georgetown Cemetery. Opal thought this child was kicked in the head by a mule and d. of blood poison. Opal remembered, "Minnie said later that she had wanted to take Albert to a doctor but William B. thought Albert would be all right."

**9-196** vi James Roy[9], (his name may have been James LeRoy) b. 19 Oct 1903.

**9-197** vii Jess Oscar[9], b. 9 Nov 1906.

Notes:

1. *The History of Greene Co., IL*; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and Anna Woodman Daley.
2. 1870 U.S. Census Greene Co., IL.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
4. A telephone interview in summer of 1990 with Sandra Morrison, Oklahoma City, OK.
5. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
6. *Planning the Route,* Vol. II, Harmon Co., OK History Book, Oklahoma State Historical Society, pp. 425, 426. Sandra Morrison wrote the Woodman segment in *Planning the Route.*
7. Telephone interviews with Opal Pitman Woodman Britt, Rockford, IL, 30 Sep 1990, 11 Jan 1991, May 1992.
8. Interview with Opal Pitman Woodman Britt.
9. Sandra Morrison.
10. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
11. Sandra Morrison.
12. A telephone interview with Shirley Ann Woodman Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1990.
13. Opal Pitman Woodman Britt; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; letters from Irene Marie Woodman Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., Ferguson, MO 63135, 21 Feb 1991, 25 and 26 Jun 1991.

**Oscar Edwin[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-164.** Oscar Edwin was born 16 December 1865 in Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois, the son of Nelson and his second wife, Temperance Spradley Cannedy. He went to McKinney, Collin County, Texas with his parents when he was seventeen. Oscar E. graduated from high school and earned an engineering degree from the Chicago Technology School of Engineering.(1)

***John Nelson Woodman***

He married Etna Ellen Melton at Allen, Collin County, Texas on Christmas Day 1889. She was born 8 June 1869 in Allen County, Texas, the daughter of John T. and Ann (McCall) Melton. Oscar and Etna went to old Greer County, Oklahoma Territory, in 1893, returned to Collin County, Texas, and came back to Greer in 1894. They homesteaded one-quarter mile west of Gould, Oklahoma, where they lived in a half dugout until Oscar bought his nephew Bill Pitman's nearby homestead.

Oscar enjoyed a degree of success, finally acquiring all the land homesteaded by Woodmans. In early Oklahoma, as in all the West, there was an easy-come-easy-go attitude about land; he was able to buy his brother Bill's land for a side of beef, a wagon and team and $20 in gold. By diversifying his planting, Oscar always managed to have a cash crop.

He owned the first steam engine in Harmon County, able to do the work of twenty horses. But what Oscar liked doing most was raising thoroughbred race horses. His love for running them ebbed, however, after his son Fred died in a racing accident.

Oscar died 7 December 1928 in Gould, Harmon County, Oklahoma, while Etna lived on for another twenty-four years. During a drive for scrap metal in World War II, Etna gave Oscar's old steam engine to her grandson's ninth grade class along with an old Twin City tractor. It took a month of dismantling work for the steam engine to yield up its nearly ten tons of iron and brass.

Etna died 19 September 1952. She is buried beside Oscar E. in Gould.(2)

*Oscar's children:*

**9-198** i Cora[9], b. Mar 1891.

**9-199** ii Roy Albert[9], b. Oct 1892.

**9-200** iii Elijah Ernest[9], b. 27 Sep 1894.

iv John Nelson[9], was b. 10 Sep 1896 at Gould. On 12 Jul 1928 in Mangum, OK he m. Mable Pitman, who was b. 22 Dec 1910 in Gould, the dau. of Oscar and Lottie (Jewell) Pitman.

Mable said, "My sister and I had a very hard time growing up. We were living with our folks out in Colorado in 1918 and we all took the flu that winter. There were five of us kids and everyone had it. Our parents, who were in their twenties, took pneumonia immediately and they died. When neighbors came to take us kids, they put all five of us on a mattress and placed another mattress

right on top of us like a sandwich. Then they wrapped the mattresses in a big sheet and put us on the bed of a wagon. I've never forgotten riding away from our home, unable to see anything and nearly suffocating. We were so sick, I don't remember my 8th birthday and none of us knew when it was Christmas that year.

"Anyway," Mabel continued, "we children were placed around with different relatives. My sister went to William and Minnie Woodman and I was sent to live with Oscar E. Woodman's family. This was very difficult for all children, but especially for little girls." After much persuasion, Mable married John Nelson who was fourteen years her senior. After twenty-four years Mable and John divorced in 1952. They never had children.

John N. married a second wife. He died in 1976; he and his wife are buried in Gould. In 1962 in Plains, Kansas, Mable married Ernest Hickerson, the son of Henry Clay and Metta Hickerson. This marriage was a good one. "When Ernest died in 1987," said Mable, "I thought I couldn't live without him." Ernest died in Hollis, Oklahoma, and is buried in Gould.(3)

v Frederick Oscar[9], b. 6 Nov 1898 at Gould. He d. in 1912 in a horse-racing accident.

Notes:

1. 1870 U.S. Census Greene Co., IL; *Planning the Route,* Vol. 2, A Harmon Co., OK History Book, Oklahoma State Historical Society (The Woodman's section in the book was written by Sandra Pitman Morrison); 1910 U.S. Census Harmon Co., OK.
2. *Hollis Weekly News,* Harmon Co., OK, 25 Sep 1952.
3. Conversation with Mable Pitman Woodman Hickerson, Jun 1990.

## Albert Gregory[8] (Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-165.** Albert Gregory was born 30 June 1868 in Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois. He moved to Texas with his family, and because of his father's failing eyesight, he and his brother did the farming, work which Albert Gregory disliked very much. Like his father and grandfather, Albert G. loved horses; what he really wanted to do was to own race horses.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote of his Uncle Albert G., "He told me not a day since I was eighteen have I failed to have a fast horse. He soon made that an exclusive business and went to St. Louis with them. He has had many years experience and has made money by racing, simply being able to judge a good horse. While in New Orleans during one winter he saw a young "mud-horse" run and lose. He asked the price, and it being satisfactory, purchased the horse. He trained him himself and during that winter he had the horse in thirty-one races and won twenty-eight. He has owned some of the fastest horses that ever appeared in St. Louis; among them, King Highways, Two Annies, Stand Pat, and Lidwina."

On 6 May 1896 Albert G. married Mary Barbara (May) Tichacek who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, 2 July 1873, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Hesda) Tichacek of St. Louis.

Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote about Mary Barbara, "She is a very pretty lady, agreeable and companionable. Has a fine figure, beautiful blue eyes and wonderfully fine black hair. To see them together one would wonder if they were yet over their honeymoon . . . Albert Gregory and Mary Barbara . . . arranged to be married quietly and at once. They were married three months before anyone knew of it."

Elijah Franklin, Jr. also wrote of a tornado which destroyed Albert Gregory's house. (Part of the manuscript is missing but it is an interesting story) " . . . After the storm," Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Albert went out to his stables expecting his four horses to be dead, but they were standing wedged in by the fallen timbers of the barn and quietly eating. Albert had a Negro jockey, who at the time was in the basement with the family. When the storm was at its height, the little fellow grabbed an old black kettle and put it over his head so only the white of his eye could be seen and

rolling them heavenward said, 'Oh, my Gawd oh, Massa Al save me.' A few minutes before the storm a friend of Albert's in Kansas City had notified him a cyclone was due in St. Louis at five and to tell as many friends as possible. He put his brothers-in-law to telling it and in that way notified many families.

"Either Albert G.," Elijah Franklin, Jr. continued, "or one of his brothers, I have understood, had the honor of being held-up in a stage by the notorious Jesse James, who secured a gold watch and forty-five dollars. I understood it to be this Mr. Woodman who said he was very glad to oblige the gentleman."(1)

In 1921 Albert G. wrote, "I'm still in the racing game. Been a Turfman for near thirty years and race a stable of horses all over the States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba.

"I have a fine little family myself," he continued, "and to say I am proud of them expresses it only half (your Aunt Mary Barbara) is here with me. The boys are both in college at the St. Louis University Dental College. They are both fine boys and are sure to make good any where . . . I am a very healthy man myself but I had a close call last winter. An auto ran over me and hurt me very bad."(2) Albert G. was in New Orleans in 1921 when he wrote, but he maintained a home in St. Louis at 3521 A Hartford St., St. Louis, Missouri.

Like his father, Albert G. had eye trouble. His nephew Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Albert G. has been bothered for many years with his eyes. He has tried in vain to find a doctor to cure them but so far, has failed.

"He is 5 feet 6 inches in height," Elijah Franklin, Jr., continued, "140 pounds; auburn hair and blue eyes; wears a mustache. His wife is a Catholic but Albert G. does not belong."

Albert G. was buried 6 January 1947 in the Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Mary Louise Bishop thought Mary Barbara (May) died about 1950. In the family lot is the gravestone of a Mary Woodman who was buried 12 April 1947, though it does not say she is the wife of Albert G.(3)

Mary Louise Tichacek Bishop said that Albert Gregory and May were traveling with the horses most of the time. "Their sons, Glen and Arnold, were very fine men," Mary Louise said, "but they were raised by the Tichacek family because their parents were never at home."(4)

*Albert G.'s children:*

**9-201** i Glen Fuller[9], b. 16 Apr 1897.

**9-202** ii Arnold James[9], b. 4 Nov 1898.

Notes:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
2. A letter from Albert Gregory, 1314 N. Rendon St., New Orleans, LA, 4 Dec 1921.
3. Record from Resurrection Cemetery, 6901 Mackenzie Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123, Aug 1990.
4. A telephone conversation in July 1990 with Mary Louise Tichacek Bishop, 709 E. Washington, Box 456, Hayti, MO 63851.

## Mary Catherine[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-166.** Mary Catherine was born at her grandfather's house on Woodman Mound, in Greene County, Illinois near Carrolton, 8 September 1854, where she lived until 1860 when her father moved to Zanesville, Montgomery County. She attended school quite regularly and as a young lady, was in great demand at balls and parties. She married 13 March 1873 to Charles D. Pitman of Montgomery County in Hillsboro, Illinois. For two years they resided in or near Waggoner, Illinois; they moved to Virden, Illinois, about 1876 where they accumulated some property and had a nice home. Mary Catherine was a large, jovial, fine woman with an unmistakable hearty laugh. She had black hair and black eyes. It was she who gave Elijah Franklin, Jr. old Elijah[6]'s bible.

Charles Pitman died of pneumonia 15 November 1906 and is buried in Virden.(1)

*Mary Catherine's children – all but first child born in Virden (named Pitman):*

**9-203** i Mary Alice[9], b. 31 Dec 1873.

ii Charles D., Jr.[9], b. 4 May 1875. He m. and had children, but did not wish to have them listed. He lived in Virden about 1908.

**9-204** iii Irene[9], b. 24 Mar 1878.

iv James Joy[9], b. 20 Jun 1879; d. young about 15 mos.

**9-205** v Verone[9], b. 5 Jul 1882.

vi Dwight Ellsworth[9], b. 16 Oct 1887. Had black hair and eyes; lived with Mary Catherine about 1908.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

## Agnes[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-167.** Agnes was born at her grandfather's house called Woodman Mound in Greene County near Carrolton, Illinois, on 23 March 1860. On 27 May 1880 she married George W. Gates, a farmer, who was born 26 February 1851 in Sangamon County, Illinois. He died 10 June 1895 and was buried in Virden, Illinois.

Agnes lived with her son for a time and on 12 December 1896 she married Albert A. Hoffman, a machinist who was born in Germany in 1864. They were divorced in Carlinville, Illinois, in 1905.

When Agnes was young she had sore eyes. It is said she was such a nervous child that she sat all day rubbing them saying, "Oh, me eyes! Me eyes!"

Agnes was a tall well-formed woman, said to be jolly and a good conversationalist. She had black hair and eyes. She lived in Virden.(1)

*Agnes and George's child (named Gates):*

**9-206** i Estell[9], b. 22 Nov 1881.

*Agnes and Albert's children (named Hoffman):*

ii Neva A.[9], d. at age seven.

iii Archibald Dean[9], b. 10 May 1899; d. 10 Aug 1903.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

## Byron Gregory[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-168.** Byron Gregory was born in Zanesville, Montgomery County, 14 February 1862. In 1885 he went to a farm southwest of Nilwood, Illinois and finally to Virden, Illinois. He moved to Formoso, Jewell County, Kansas. On 10 October 1888 in Formoso he married Annie E., daughter of J. M. and Mary E. Althouse. She was born in Montcalm County, Michigan, 10 April 1870.

Byron Gregory farmed in Jewell County until 1903 when they moved to his farm near Bonner Springs, Leavenworth County, Kansas.

Byron G. had jet black hair and brown eyes; 5 feet 7 inches inches tall and weighed 140; had a mustache. Elijah Franklin remembered him as a fine youth, well-mannered, kind-hearted and a general good fellow. Byron may have served in the Spanish-American War.(1)

*Byron G.'s children – born at Formoso:*

i Lulu Belle[9], b. 20 Jun 1893.

ii Georgia Agnes[9], b. 23 Nov 1895.

iii Helen Gregory[9], b. 19 Jul 1899.
iv James Joy[9], b. 3 May 1903.
v Byron G., Jr.[9], b. Mar 1906.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Medora Alice[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-169.** Medora Alice was born in Montgomery County, Illinois, 1 August 1866. When fifteen she went to Virden, Illinois to reside with her sister, Mary Catherine, in order to go to school. On the 13th of June 1883 she was married in Carlinville, Illinois, to John H. Alderson. The first seven years of married life were spent on a farm west of Virden. In 1891 they moved to Morrisonville, Illinois, where they were engaged in the livery business – buying and selling horses.

In 1895 they moved to Eversonville, Missouri, where they owned 520 acres and a modern home and convenient stock buildings. He was a breeder of German coach horses; and bought and sold all kinds of stock; he was an auctioneer as well. They called their home In-A-Vale Stock Farm. John Alderson was killed on the farm while making hay.

Medora Alice was 5 feet 5 inches in height; rather large. Brown eyes and black hair. She was a Baptist and a fine musician.(1)

*Medora A.'s children (named Alderson):*

i Lotus La Dora[9], b. North Otter, Macoupin Co., IL, 28 Dec 1890.
ii Infant son[9], b. 6 Oct 1892.
iii Lora Ladella[9], b. 22 Jan 189_ in North Otter.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Martha Jeanette[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-170.** Martha Jeanette was born in Zanesville, Illinois, 24 August 1867. She married 19 February 1890, to John F. Shutt, in Carlinville, Illinois. They lived on a farm four miles from Virden, Illinois, until 1899 when they went to South Dakota to a farm near Canistota. After two years they returned to Virden, where he began blacksmithing and farming, later purchasing a saloon there. Martha Jeanette was 5 feet 3 inches in height; had brown hair and brown eyes, a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Shutt was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, 7 March 1867. They divorced in 1906.(1)

*Martha Jeanette's children – all born near Virden (named Shutt):*

i Franklin Roscoe[9], b. 9 Feb 1891.
ii Ewell Ivan[9], b. 1 Jun 1894; d. 2 Dec 1901.
iii Lolo Alberta[9], b. 8 Feb 1896.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Grace R.[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-171.** Grace R. was born in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois, 7 March 1871. She was married 25 July 1889 to Jacob Odenwalder at her father's home in Virden, Illinois. They resided in Virden until they went to St. Louis where Mr. Odenwalder operated a grocery at the southwest corner of Kennerly & Warne Avenue.

Elijah Franklin Woodman[8] said, "She was a very pretty little girl, dark hair, black eyes and had a very fair complexion."(1)

*Grace R.'s children (named Odenwalder):*

i Edith[9], b. 27 Sep 1890.
ii William[9], b. 20 Oct 1891.
iii Elroy[9], b. 6 Apr 1895. Married.
iv Albert[9], b. 17 Nov 1897; d. young.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**James Joy[8] (James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-172.** James Joy was born 18 October 1875 near Nilwood, Illinois. He graduated from Virden High School and finished his education at Illinois College with a course in literature. After graduation he was a bookkeeper and paymaster for the Illinois Colleries Company of Virden, Illinois.

When twenty years of age James Joy, a master of the coronet, was elected director of the Eagle Band of Virden, which position he held for years. It is said the band had the name of being one of the very best in Central Illinois.

James Joy enlisted in Company A, 4th Illinois Vol. Infantry at Arcola, Illinois, on 10 May 1898 to go to Cuba. The regiment went to Jacksonville, Florida, and James was immediately made a member of the band. In November 1898 they went to Savannah, Georgia, and on the 4th of January embarked on the transport, General Sherman for Havana, Cuba, where they landed the 7th. The regiment was assigned to provost duty because the war was already over. The regiment returned home in April coming by way of Tampa Bay, Florida. They were mustered out at Augusta, Georgia, 4 May 1899. Company A was honored with a banquet in Litchfield, Illinois when it returned.

James Joy was married 4 September 1907 to popular Edna Elizabeth daughter of Edward Palmer and Lela (Brittain) Kimball of Virden, at the Presbyterian Church. She was born 6 September 1883 in Virden. Her father was editor of newspapers in Virden and in Carlinville, Illinois, for many years.

James Joy was in charge of the clerical force at the main offices of the Illinois Collieries Company. He accumulated property and several tracts of land. He was 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighed 135 pounds, with brown hair and eyes. He was a Democrat.(1)

*James Joy's child:*

i Edward Kimball[9], b. 4 Sep 1913 Virden, IL.(2)

Notes:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; clipping from newspaper.
2. Essex Institute Historical Collection, Salem, MA, Vol. 44 1930, pp. 335, 475.

**Edwin Wentworth[8] (Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-173.** Edwin Wentworth was born 27 March 1830 in Danvers, Massachusetts.(1) He married Helen Ray in Danvers 19 November 1854. Nineteen years old, born in Beverly, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of Eben and Mercy Ray. Edwin was a baker.(2)

Edwin must have died before 1900. That year Helen, age sixty-four, lived at 1 Misseroy Street, Salem, Massachusetts, with four children.(3)

*Edwin W.'s children (perhaps there were others):*

i Ella[9], was listed in Richard Cutler's *Personal Memoirs* but not in the 1900 Census.(4)

ii Alice Louise[9], b. Sep 1856. She d. at 1 Messervey Street in Salem, MA 8 Dec 1945, age eighty-nine years, two months and nine days. Alice was buried in the Harmony Grove Cemetery in Salem. She did not marry.(5)

iii James E.[9], b. Feb 1860.

iv Frederick Ray[9], a retired groceryman d. at 1 Mervey St. in Salem 8 Jun 1930, age sixty-nine years, five months and seven days. He was single, and buried at Harmony Grove Cemetery.(6)

v Edwin T.[9], d. at 7 Savoy Rd., Salem, MA on 19 Nov 1952. A retired banker, he was seventy-seven years, two months and thirteen days old. He had m. Mable T. Taylor. He perhaps had a son Robert T. and possibly other children.(7)

Notes:
1. Danvers, MA Vital Records p. 420.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston 78:144.
3. 1900 U.S. Census.
4. Wm. Richard Cutler's A.M. *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1050.
5. Massachusetts Vital Records, Dept. of Health Bldg., Boston, MA.
6. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Dept. of Health, Boston, 1930 81:536.
7. Massachusetts Vital Records Dept. of Health Bldg., Boston, MA.

### Frederick Augustus[8] (Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-174.** Frederick Augustus was born 5 April 1832.(1) He served 1861-1864 in the Civil War. He is said to have reenlisted in Salem, Massachusetts, as a private in the 14th Massachusetts Infantry and then to the 1st Heavy Artillery.(2)

At the age of thirty-three, an expressman, he married Mira (Myra?) Green in Danvers, Massachusetts, on 27 March 1866. She was born in England, the daughter of Wm. and Jane (Tibbetts) Green who were both born in England.(3) Poor Mira died "in childbed" after only eighteen short months of marriage on 19 November 1867, age twenty-five years.(4) Frederick A. lived but ten more years, dying a widower, in Danvers 12 February 1877.(5)

In the 1860 U.S. Census, Frederick A. was a shoemaker, at marriage an expressman; at his death he was called an "agent."

*Frederick A.'s child:*

**9-207** i William Augustus[9], b. 2 Nov 1867.

Notes:
1. Danvers, MA Vital Records, p. 420.
2. William Richard Cutler, A.M. *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1050.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, 189:169.
4. Ibid., 202:150.
5. Ibid., 292:162.

### Frances Ellen[8] (Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-175.** Frances Ellen, born 22 October 1834, married John T. Ross in Danvers, Massachusetts, 21 March 1861. John, a twenty-nine-year-old carpenter of Danvers, was born in Ipswich, Massachusetts, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Perkins) Ross. In 1910 they lived in Danvers where John was proprietor of a box mill. The U.S. Census reported they had had two children, but only one was living then.(1)

*Frances E.'s children (named Ross):*

i Frank W.[9], b. about 1868 was living with his parents in 1910.

Note:
1. Massachusetts Vital Records 144:135; 1910 Danvers U.S. Census.

**Daniel[8] (Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-176.** Daniel was born 27 May 1839 in Beverly, Massachusetts. He married Marietta Galencia who was born in Peabody, Massachusetts, in January of 1848, the daughter of Harvey [sic].(1) Marietta died on 23 July 1900.(2) Daniel married second, Luella Priscilla Batchelder Bragdon.(3)

Daniel was a journeyman shoemaker for ten or twelve years, after which he bought a meat market. Then he and his brother, Joseph Warren, made paper boxes in the old Bragdon Mills. Later they acquired sawmills for making wooden boxes. Their brother-in-law, John T. Ross, was a partner with them. Daniel had a reputation for being an honest business man.(4)

Daniel died at 127 High Street in Danvers 4 December 1925, aged eighty-six years, six months old. He was buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery.(5)

*Daniel and Marietta's children:*(6)

**9-208** i Chester Irving[9], b. Apr 1869.

**9-209** ii Henry Willis[9], b. 16 May 1877.

iii Daniel W.[9], d. 20 Oct 1887 in Danvers, age five yrs., nine mos., twenty days.(7)

iv Tracy Friend[9], b. Nov 1884. He was a cost accountant at Crissey Dockham Co. Tracy d. single, 6 Sep 1960 at age seventy-five yrs., nine mos., twenty-seven days.(8)

**9-210** v Bertha Forestina[9].

Notes:
1. 1900 U.S. Census; Massachusetts Dept. of Health Bldg., Boston, MA, Vital Records 1896-1988, 505:470.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records 505:470.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records 1925, 18:39.
4. Wm. Richard Cutler, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1050.
5. Massachusetts Vital Records 1925, 18:39.
6. 1900 U.S. Census; *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* p. 1050.
7. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, MA, 382:199.
8. Ibid., 1960, 83:281.

**Joseph Warren[8] (Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-177.** Joseph Warren was born 25 January 1847. A boxmaker, he married Carrie F. Bennett in Danvers, Massachusetts, 6 January 1873. She was born in Salem, Massachusetts, about 1854, the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Magouin) Bennett.(1)

Joseph Warren was in the box manufacturing business with his brother, Daniel. He served on the board of selectmen and was a representative of the general court. A prominent figure in Danvers politics,(2) Joseph died 11 April 1907. He is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.(3)

Carrie lived on for twenty-three years. In 1910 her children and her nephew, Tracy F., lived with her. She died at 57 Purchase Street in Danvers 24 September 1930 and is buried with Joseph Warren.(4)

*Joseph W.'s children:*(5)

i Fannie Elizabeth[9], b. 15 Apr 1877; d. on Water St. in Danvers 8 May 1911. She probably never married.(6)

**9-211** ii Frank Bennett[9], b. about 1882.

Notes:
1. Danvers Vital Records, p. 420; 1850 U.S. Census; Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, 253:193.
2. William Richard Cutler, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1050.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records 1907, 33:505.
4. 1910 U.S. Census, Massachusetts Vital Records 1930, 37:177.
5. 1900, 1910 U.S. Census.
6. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, 286:181, Massachusetts Vital Records 1911, 33:213.

## LeRoy Francis[8] (Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-178.** LeRoy Francis was born 30 July 1850 in Alton, New Hampshire. He married Abbie (on her gravestone it is "Alice") F. Davis 23 August 1876 in Alton. She was born 1851,(1) the daughter of Andrew and Olive Davis.(2)

In 1880 LeRoy and Abbie with their three-year-old Willie and the twins, Arthur and Harry,(3) were living with Abbie's mother. Abbie died in 1885 following childbirth (the baby died shortly thereafter). She is buried in the Davis Cemetery in Alton.

On 23 March 1886, LeRoy, with four small children under seven, married seventeen-year-old Rhoda K. Whitehouse of Tuftonborough, New Hampshire, who was the daughter of Frank and Rhoda K. Whitehouse.(4)

In 1903, on 9 April, LeRoy married again. This time to Emma O. Horne. Emma was born 8 February 1880, in New Durham, New Hampshire, the daughter of Stephen and Hanna (Edgerley) Berry.(5) LeRoy died 8 February 1931 and was buried with Abbie, his first wife and the mother of his children.(6)

By 28 May 1932 Emma had married for the third time. The groom was seventy-five-year-old Herbert J. Estabrook who was born in Belfast, Maine. At the end of her life Emma had been living in Stratham, New Hampshire, but spent her last two years in the Rockingham County Home and Hospital in Brentwood, New Hampshire, where she died 28 January 1956 at the age of 75. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Stratham.(7)

LeRoy F.'s granddaughter, Harriette Woodman Kenney, wrote about visiting her grandfather's house about 1908. ". . . We finally landed at the farm and it was dark – house lighted by oil lamps and dark – and I believe Emma, Gramp's housekeeper, had made hot biscuit and I believe it was a boiled dinner. That meant smelly cabbage and turnips . . . Well I was tucked in bed on a feather bed – nearly sank out of sight, and had to sleep with my parents.

"My grandmother [Abbie] was buried on the farm land, not too far from the house. There was a stone wall all around it. The last time I was there I felt badly to see it all grown up around it with bushes and trees. So sad really to think it couldn't have been cleared. My grandmother died from childbirth and the baby was buried with her . . . .

"The house was on a lovely piece of land," Harriette wrote, "and we used to go over to pick blueberries."

*LeRoy and Abbie's children:*

i Willis L.[9], b. May 1877.(8) He m. Blanche I. Grace 2 Jan 1901, the dau. of John B. and Lydia A. (Frost) Grace of Farmington, NH. In 1921 they lived in Alton. They had no children.

**9-212** ii Arthur Leroy[9], b. 28 Oct 1878, a twin.

**9-213** iii Harry Chester[9], b. 28 Oct 1878, a twin.

**9-214** iv Walter P.[9], b. 5 Aug 1882.

v A daughter[9], d. shortly after birth when her mother died.

Notes:
1. Her gravestone from Cemetery Records found in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH; Albert E. Barnes, *Cemeteries In Alton, New Hampshire,* The Foster Press, Farmington, NH, 1978, p. 32.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. 1880 U.S. Census.
4. I have lost my reference.
5. Emma's Death Certificate, Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #13-166.
6. Belknap Probate Docket #13-166.
7. Ibid.
8. 1880 and 1900 U.S. Census.
9. Letter from Harriette Woodman Kenney, Plymouth, NH.

### Henry D.[8] (Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-179.** Henry D. was born in Alton, New Hampshire, 27 December 1853.(1) In Alton on 1 March 1878, Henry, who was just twenty-four, married forty-year-old Susan E. Tufts. It isn't clear whether she was born in Middleton, New Hampshire, or Alton, the daughter of Stephen and Clarissa A. (Remick) Chamberlain.(2) Susan was the mother of at least five children and this was her third marriage.

In 1880 Henry and Susan lived in Alton with Susan's daughters, Mary E., Nettie B., Loella, and Clara A. Tufts (the eldest of them, aged thirteen) and their own firstborn Henrietta.(3)

Susan died 2 September 1898.(4) In November of 1900 Ralph S. Tufts of Boston, Susan's eldest son, asked the Probate Court of Belknap County, New Hampshire, to appoint an administrator to settle Susan's estate. This was done, but I've no record of the outcome.(5)

Henry lived on for twenty years and there is no record he ever married again. In 1900 he was living with his mother and brothers Albert and Frederick in New Durham, New Hampshire.(6) He died there 1 December 1918. Henry's son-in-law Charles Towle was appointed administrator of his estate.(7)

*Henry D.'s children:*

i Henrietta[9], b. 14 May 1879. She m. Charles F. Towle, Jr. of New Durham 5 Mar 1898.(8) They lived in New Durham.

ii Mabel[9], b. 6 Jan 1881.(9) She m. Perley D. Witham of Milton, NH 25 Apr 1900.(10) She must have m. a second husband for she is called Mabel Tebbetts of Sanford, ME in her father's and Uncle Albert's probate papers.(11)

Notes:
1. Henry's Death Record, New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. 1880 U.S. Census.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #6327.
6. 1900 U.S. Census.
7. Strafford Co. Probate Records X4148.
8. New Hampshire Vital Records.
9. Letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records.
11. Strafford Co. Probate Records X4148, X4385.

### Martha Jane[8] (Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-180.** Martha Jane born 22 October 1855; married Charles A. Randall of New Durham, New Hampshire, at New Durham 6 January 1872. Martha died 18 August 1931. Charles A. born 9 June

1850; died 19 February 1924. They are buried in the Downing Cemetery, New Durham Plains, New Hampshire. She was named in her brother Albert's estate papers.

*Martha Jane's children (named Randall):*(1)

i Lilla B.[9], m. Harry F. Glidden at New Durham 1896.(2)

ii Mildred[9], b. 25 Dec 1897; d. 30 Dec 1911. She is buried with her parents.(3)

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records; Cemetery Records found at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records (Brides Index).
3. Gravestone.

### Edward L.[8] (Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-181.** Edward L. was born about 1872 in Alton, New Hampshire. In Kittery, Maine, on 11 August 1893 Edward married Bessie M. Spinney.(1) They lived in Alton, New Hampshire, in 1900 but by 1919 they lived in Somerville, Massachusetts.(2)

*Edward L.'s child:*(3)

i Raymond S.[9], b. Sep 1898 who may have had a son, Robert[10].

Notes:
1. Maine Vital Records, Maine State Archives, Augusta, ME.
2. 1900 U.S. Census; Administration Papers of Edward's brother Albert[8], Strafford Co., NH Probate Records X4385.
3. Letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney, Plymouth, NH.

### Elijah Manley[8] (Elijah[7], John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-182.** Elijah Manley was born 3 October 1837 in Waterville, Maine.(1) On 19 September 1861 at Salem, New Hampshire, Elijah M. married Susan Hutchings Merrill. She was born 3 May 1842 at Salem, the daughter of Gilman John and Catherine (Wentworth) Merrill. At the time of their marriage, both lived in Methuen, Massachusetts.(2)

Elijah M. went to Methuen 17 March 1860 and immediately went to work for Charles E. Goss who owned a blacksmith shop on Charles Street. Elijah M. later bought the business and owned it for many years. A newspaper wrote, " . . . Lawrence, [Massachusetts] at that date [when Elijah M. came to Methuen] was a growing young city with a population of only 17,600 while Methuen Village had less than 600. Transportation between the two places was by stage which left Methuen Square at infrequent intervals."(3)

At some point, Elijah M. acquired a second home in Walpole, Maine, and their time was divided between the two places. Susan died 23 October 1919 at South Bristol, Maine. Elijah M. and their daughter Hattie Belle continued moving between the two homes.(4)

The newspaper continued, " . . . In politics Mr. Woodman has always been staunch Republican, the first vote which he cast being for Abraham Lincoln, and has voted for every Republican candidate for president since that date.

"His mind is keen and active and he is always well informed on all national and international affairs and keeps in constant touch with Methuen and Lawrence through his daily reading of the *Telegram* to which he has subscribed since its first publication. Mr. Woodman and his daughter, Hattie, will spend the winter in Methuen."(5)

Elijah M. died 16 April 1937 at South Bristol, Maine.(6)

*Elijah M.'s children:*(7)

i George Henry[9], b. 9 Jul 1862 in Waterville, ME. Married in Lawrence, MA Jennie Stetson Barrell of Lawrence 9 Nov 1887. Jennie, was twenty-three, was b. in Lewiston,

ME, the daughter of Wm. A. and Hannah (Stetson) Barrell.(8) Jennie d. 24 Jul 1919 in Rye, NH(9) and George H. m. Daisy Cutler, the widow of Wm. K. Porter, Jr., on 15 Dec 1920. George Henry d. 26 Jan 1935 at So. Bristol, ME. He probably had no children.(10)

ii Hattie Belle[9], b. 22 Aug 1864 in Waterville, ME. Hattie never m. and always lived, I think, with her parents. She d. 7 Jan 1938 at So. Bristol, ME. It was she who furnished much of the information for this family.(11)

Notes:

1. A letter from Hattie Belle Woodman, Walpole, ME, 11 Oct 1921; Sarah D. Lang *Winslow, Maine Vital Records to 1892,* ed. 1937, p. 114; 1850 Fairfield, Somerset Co., ME U.S. Census; 1900 Methuen, MA U.S. Census.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records; *History of Salem, NH,* p. 96; Hattie Belle letter.
3. An undated newspaper article written on the occasion of Elijah M.'s 84th birthday. Probably a newspaper called *The Telegram.*
4. Old Bristol and Nobleboro, ME, Vital Records probably from Maine State Library.
5. Newspaper article.
6. Old Bristol, ME Vital Records.
7. Hattie Belle letter 11 Oct 1927.
8. Massachusetts Vital Records 1840-1890, State Archives, Boston, MA, 379:292.
9. New Hampshire Vital Records.
10. Old Bristol, ME Vital Records.
11. Ibid.

## Alvin Blackwell[8] (Elijah[7], John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-183.** Alvin Blackwell was born in Waterville, Maine, 14 March 1842. He married Carrie (Caroline) M. Sargent who was born 23 May 1842 at Sidney, Maine, the daughter of J.S. (born Wells, Maine) and Hannah F. Sargent.

A blacksmith like his father and grandfather, Alvin and Carrie lived in Lawrence, Massachusetts, in 1880. By 1900 they were in Wakefield, Massachusetts.(1)

Carried died 6 February 1916 in Wakefield, Massachusetts, at 17 Sweetser Street. Alvin B. died there 27 August 1922. They are buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield.(2)

*Alvin B.'s children:*(3)

i Carrie Etta[9], b. 12 May 1869 in Waterville. Hattie B. called her "Etta" and wrote that she had d. before 1921.

**9-215** ii Alvin Manley[9], b. 17 Mar 1871.

Notes:

1. 1850, 1880, 1900 U.S. Census; a letter from Hattie Belle Woodman, Walpole, ME, 11 Oct 1921.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Health Bldg., Boston, 1891-1916 89:27, 1922 82:367.
3. 1880 U.S. Census; Hattie Belle letter.

## Rose E.[8] (Elijah[7], John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-184.** Rose E. (Rosanne? Rosanna?) was born 30 January 1844; married Charles H. Grant 2 April 1864. She died 19 November 1865 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Oakland, Kennebec County, Maine.(1)

*Rose E.'s child (named Grant):*

i Alvin[9].

Note:

1. Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Records, Surname Index Project, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME; *Winslow, Maine Vital Records to 1892,* ed. 1937, pp. 114, 324.

**Ella[8] (Elijah[7], John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-185.** Ella married Martin Luther; died in Salem, New Hampshire.

*Ella's children (named Luther):*(1)

i Hattie[9], d. before 1921.

ii Harry[9], b. about 1875; in 1880 he lived with Elijah and Martha in Lawrence, MA. In 1921 Hattie Belle Woodman reported he was married.

iii George[9], m., living in Salem, NH in 1921.

Note:

1. Letter from Hattie B. Woodman, Walpole, ME, 11 October 1921.

**Louisa Maria[8] (Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-186.** Louisa Maria, was born about 1833. She married Alvin (?) Chick. Louisa died 4 May 1887. In 1921, True William wrote, "They are all dead."(1)

*Louisa's children (name Chick):*

i Frank[9], d. 27 Feb 1880.

Note:

1. Letter from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH, 1921.

**True William[8] (Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-187.** True William was born 8 June 1843 in North Nottingham, New Hampshire. He went to school in Nottingham and Lee, New Hampshire, and learned the same line of work as his grandfather, father, and two uncles – he became a shoemaker; they were called cordwainers then.

On 10 October 1863 he married Williamine Wallace at Lee. She was born 20 May 1846, at Dover, New Hampshire, the daughter of Horace Hutchinson and Lovina (Hurd) Wallace. This marriage was to last for twenty-four years; Williamine died on 20 March 1887.(1)

In July of 1887 True bought two acres of land in Nottingham.(2) Two years later, on 5 January 1889 at Epping, New Hampshire, True married Mrs. Jennie Sargent Dix of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Though most records call her "Jennie," she was "Hannah J.," born 17 September 1854 (vital records of her death give her birth year as 1859), the daughter of Samuel H. and Mary (Howe) Sargent.(3)

True William was seventy-eight years old when Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. wrote to him in 1921. True was touchingly happy to receive the letters and made a great effort to furnish information about his family. He wrote, "it is hard to remember dates as my father lost all records of the family when [his] house burned, but will do the best I can." He continued, "You must be some relation to me. I will always think so anyway." (The underscoring is his).

In 1921 True described himself as 6 feet tall, 203 pounds and a Protestant.

On 8 June 1923, those of his children who could, came back home to Nottingham to celebrate True William's 80th birthday. And it was a good thing they did – for it was his last one. According to the newspaper account of True's party, "Toothsome viands, furnished by the company, included a handsome birthday cake which was cut by the host. A number of useful presents added to the pleasure of Mr. Woodman on this happy anniversary of his birth."

True died 16 April 1924; he was buried in the South Side Cemetery in Nottingham. Jennie was appointed administratrix of True's estate which, she told the court, amounted to about $750.00.(4)

Jennie lived until 26 January 1929.

*True and Williamine's children:*(5)

**9-216** i Cora[9], b. 15 Jan 1865.

**9-217** ii Anne Elizabeth[9], b. 18 Jan 1867.

**9-218** iii Alice Alfreda[9], b. 18 Oct 1868.

iv Elbertie[9], b. 30 Nov 1870 in Nottingham; d. there 26 May 1871.

v Horace Weston[9], b. 9 Feb 1872 at Epping, NH and attended school in Nottingham. He m. Laura F. Morey 26 Sep 1901 who was b. 6 Aug 1875 at Manville, RI, the dau. of Renslear L. and Laura (Vose) Morey. They divorced and he m. second wife Thora Irene Mann at Woonsocket, RI, 27 Nov 1919. Thora was b. 10 Nov 1887, the dau. of William T. and Jennie (Taft) Mann. Thora was dead by 1929 when a land deed called Horace W. a "widower."

Horace worked for a time as a conductor on a passenger train and spent many years doing mill work. Because of failing health, Horace had retired. In 1921 he wrote he had lived in Manville, RI for twenty-five years and at that time he was living in Woonsocket, RI. Horace is said to have lived in East Providence, RI and Worcester, MA.

Horace was found dead in Oxford on 29 Apr 1937. He was buried in South Side Cemetery in Nottingham. He never had children. Horace described himself as 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, a Protestant and a Republican.(6)

***True William Woodman and wife***

**9-219** vi Frank Elbert[9], b. 6 Oct 1877.

vii Stillborn twins[9], b. 7 Dec 1880 in Nottingham. True William did not mention these children on his biography sheet.(7)

**9-220** viii Edna T.[9], b. 9 Feb 1887.

*True William and Jennie's child:*

ix Bernice[9], b. 6 Jan 1897 in Nottingham; d. 10 Aug 1907. Beverly Beaudette wrote that Bernice d. by drowning.

Notes:

1. Undated biography sheet from True William Woodman, Nottingham, NH (it was likely 1921).
2. Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, 518:413; 521:424.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records; copy of marriage certificate.
4. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #21752; New Hampshire Vital Records; obituary, *Exeter News Letter,* Exeter, NH, 25 Apr 1924; 1923 news clipping.
5. 1880, 1900 U.S. Census; letters from True William, Nottingham, NH, 7 Apr and 6 Jun 1921; Rockingham Co. Reg. of Deeds, 851:96; letters, family group sheets and news clippings from Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA, 01507, 4 Apr 1989.
6. Birth certificate; undated biography sheet from Horace Weston; Rockingham Co. Deed, 851:96; obituary.
7. Letter and family group sheet from Beverly Beaudette.

**Alfred Demeritt Hoitt[8] (Susan Demeritt Hoitt[7], Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-188.** Alfred Demeritt was born 14 October 1830; died 8 June 1909. A postmaster in Durham, New Hampshire, he married Mary Elizabeth Sawyer of Dover, New Hampshire, who died at Arlington, Massachusetts, 9 May 1880.(1)

*Alfred Demeritt's children (named Hoitt):*

i Alice E.[9], drowned 24 May 1875.
ii Gertrude Sawyer[9], m. 30 Oct 1889 to Thomas Ralph Parris of Arlington, MA.
iii Fannie Elwood[9], m. 17 Jun 1901 to Walter Francis Hooker of Worcester, MA.
iv Alfred Woodman[9], m. 20 Nov 1907 to Ellen Grace Hall of Dover.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. I, p. 332; Vol. II, p. 217.

**Alvina Amanda Hoitt[8] (Susan Demeritt Hoitt[7], Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-189.** Alvina Amanda, born 8 February 1832; died 22 April 1889; married Daniel C. M. Pierce of Dover, New Hampshire; he died 20 April 1889.(1)

*Alvina A.'s children (named Pierce):*

i Ida May[9], m. James L. McKone 18 Dec 1890.
ii Frank D.[9]
iii Ned H.[9], m. Amy Bryant of Dover.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 217.

**Samuel Piper Hoitt[8] (Susan Demeritt Hoitt[7], Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-190.** Samuel Piper was born 26 March 1833; died 20 April 1902; married 28 January 1855 to Mary Elizabeth Doe of Newmarket, New Hampshire. She was born 5 August 1829; died 15 December 1901.(1)

*Samuel Piper's children (named Hoitt):*

i Carrie E.[9], b. 18 Mar 1859; d. 2 Dec 1874.
**9-221** ii Annie Isabel[9], b. 3 Oct 1860.
iii Freddie T.[9], b. 24 Jun 1866; d. 9 Sep 1874.
**9-222** iv George Gaines[9], b. 12 Sep 1867.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, pp. 217, 218.

**Elizabeth Susan Hoitt[8] (Susan Demeritt Hoitt[7], Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-191.** Elizabeth Susan was born 1 March 1835; married Samuel Chesley Hayes who was born in Madbury, New Hampshire, 18 February 1834; and died in Boston, Massachusetts, 20 June 1904. She died 11 January 1906.(1)

*Elizabeth S.'s children (named Hayes):*

i Harry Edgar[9], m. 16 Oct 1901 to Emma Susan Tilton of Exeter, NH.

ii Alfred Samuel[9], m. 8 Jun 1899 to Sara May Bartlett of Brockton, MA, and d. 8 Nov 1912 at Hopkinton, MA.

Note:
1. *History of Durham,* Vol. II, p. 218.

### Samuel Chapman[8] (Mary Woodman Chapman[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-192.** Samuel was born 16 February 1839 in Tamworth, New Hampshire; married Anna Frances Webster 28 October 1871 in East Haverhill, Massachusetts. She was born 9 April 1839 in Salisbury, Massachusetts, the daughter of Benjamin Bernard.

Samuel resided with his aged father for many years in Merrimac, Massachusetts.(1)

*Samuel's children – all born in Merrimac (named Chapman):*

i Annie Mary[9], b. 17 Feb 1873.
ii George Webster[9], b. 7 Mar 1875.
iii Nellie Belle[9], b. 5 Nov 1877.

Note:
1. Jacob Chapman, *A Genealogy: Edward Chapman of Ipswich, MA, 1642-1678,* Republican Press Assn., Concord, NH, 1893, p. 34.

### Samuel[8] (Joseph[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-193.** Samuel was born 10 October 1857. On 29 October 1884, in Newton, Massachusetts, called a clerk, married Mary Hamilton of Newton. Mary, age 19, was born in Canada, the daughter of James and Kate (Hanley) Hamilton.(1)

The Newton City Clerk wrote, "Samuel lived at 25 Old Orchard Road, Chestnut Hill, MA, until 1918, when he was dropped from the voting list, having removed to New Hampshire."(2) Samuel moved to Northwood, New Hampshire, where he died 7 October 1932.(3)

*Samuel's child:*

i Olive Elizabeth[9], b. 2 Jul 1885 in Newton. On 21 Aug 1912 at Newton, Olive E. m. clergyman George Walker Stanley Hylton, age thirty-one, of University Place, NE. George was born in Kingston, Jamaica, the son of Walker B. and Helen (Broadhurst) Hylton. At the time of Samuel's death, Olive lived at 16 Ashland St., Medford, MA.(4)

Notes:
1. Massachusetts Vital Records, Newton 1884, Vol. 353, p. 206.
2. A letter from the Newton, MA City Clerk, 17 Mar 1921.
3. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #26101; New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Massachusetts Vital Records, Newton 1885, Vol. 359, p. 209; Massachusetts Vital Records Marriage 1912, Vol. 611, p. 666.

### James K.[8] (Andrew K.[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-194.** James K. was born 6 September 1840 at Deerfield, New Hampshire. On 13 October 1863 he married Annie T. Smith at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Annie was born 24 September 1840 at Portsmouth, the daughter of William and Emily (Knight) Smith.(1) James K. inherited the bulk of his father's property and his mother left him all of her real estate for so long as he lived.(2)

His daughter Nellie described James as a farmer who was 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 180 pounds. He was a Democrat and a Methodist.(3)

Annie T. died 12 March 1916. James K. survived her by almost exactly four years, dying 28 March 1920.(4)

*James K.'s children:*(5)

i Carrie A.[9], b. 22 Feb 1865. She and Mark E. Robertson of Eaton (prob. NH) were married 22 Dec 1885 by Charles L. Pinkham of Northwood, NH. In 1920 they lived in North Conway, NH.(6)

**9-223** ii Nellie L.[9], b. 28 Mar 1867.

iii Charles W.[9], b. 15 Sep 1868. On 19 Nov 1890 he m. Carrie E. who was b. in 1892, the dau. of M.B. and Emma L. (Buswell) Richardson of Northwood.(7) Charles W. was to receive his grandmother's property after Charles' father, James K., died. In 1920 Charles lived in Reading, MA; in 1922 he lived at 171 Cambridge Rd. in Woburn, MA.(8) He is said to have had two daughters, one b. 29 Nov 1893 and the other b. 12 Dec 1896.

iv Emma J.[9], b. 27 Dec 1874 must have m. a man named Mr. LaBell. In 1920 she lived in North Conway, NH. At some time she also lived with her brother Charles W. in Woburn, MA.(9)

Nellie Locke wrote in 1921, "There are eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren of James K. Woodman," but she did not list them.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #5317, #21001.
3. An undated biography form of James K. sent by his daughter Nellie L. Locke, probably 1921.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. James K. biography; Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Docket #19696; 1880 U.S. Census.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Ibid.
8. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Dockets #19696, 21001; James K. biography.
9. Ibid.

## Ira H.[8] (Andrew K.[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-195.** Ira H., born in Deerfield, New Hampshire, on 17 April, 1841; married Susan M. of Nottingham, New Hampshire, on 5 June 1864, who was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Ayer. Ira is said to have been a shoemaker.

Ira H. moved to Haverhill, Massachusetts, where at the time of his death he lived at 21 17th Avenue. He died 30 January 1924, aged eighty-two years, nine months and thirteen days.(1) Massachusetts records claim he is buried at Linwood Cemetery in Haverhill while New Hampshire records have him buried in Northwood, New Hampshire.

In his will Ira H. left $200.00 to Elizabeth R. widow of his son Arthur St. Clair Woodman. His grandson, Myron St. Clair Woodman and his wife Delia E. were to receive one-half of his real estate on 17th Avenue. The remainder of his estate was to be given in equal shares to granddaughters Gladys St. Clair MacNamara, Esther May Nugent, Eliza Marie Belmer, all of Haverhill, and Elizabeth, wife of grandson John Woodman and Irene the wife of grandson Arthur Wayne Woodman.(2) In 1924 the grandsons were of Haverhill also.

*Ira H.'s children:*(3)

i Arthur[9], in the Cemetery Records at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, NH there is: "Arthur son of I.H. & S.M. Woodman, d. 16 Jun 1866, ae. 1 m. 2 wks, 2 ds.

**9-224** ii Arthur St. Clair[9], b. 13 Feb 1868.

Notes:
1. Massachusetts Vital Records Deaths 1924, Vol. 29, p. 430; New Hampshire Vital Records.

2. Essex Co., MA, Probate Records, Vol. 863, p. 253, Docket #147951.
3. Ibid.

### John J.[8] (Andrew K.[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-196.** John J. was born 10 March 1852.(1) When he was fifteen years old he married Carrie J. Tuck on 4 October 1867 in Manchester, New Hampshire. She was the daughter of Lesley C. and Caroline (Colby) Tuck of Pittsfield, New Hampshire.(2) John J. is said to have been a mill operative. There is no record of John J.'s death. He is the only son not mentioned in his father's will which was made 7 March 1885 – nor his mother's will made in 1895.(3)

By 1880 John J.'s four-year-old boy named Almond was listed as boarding in Pittsfield, with Fred Cochran.(4)

On 6 April 1885 Carrie J. Cochran of Manchester, New Hampshire, asked the Hillsborough County, New Hampshire Probate Court to change her name to Carrie J. Woodman. She told the court she was born in Pittsfield, 2 April 1850 and that her parents were Lesley C. and Caroline (Colby) Tuck. Perhaps Mr. Cochran was Carrie's second husband, but there is nothing in the record to explain her action.(5)

This John J. is not to be mistaken for another John J. Woodman (Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1]) who was born in 1838; died 29 March 1886, who married Sarah S. Canney.

*John J.'s child:*

i Almond D.[9] (perhaps DeForest). He was probably b. in 1875 or 1876. In 1880 he boarded in Pittsfield, NH, with Fred Cochran.(6) When Almond D.'s grandfather Andrew K. made his will 7 Mar 1885 he left $25.00, "to my grandson Alle [sic] DeForest Woodman . . . to be paid when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years." His grandmother Betsey J. called him "Almond D." and left him $5.00 and a bed and bedding.(7)

On 18 Jul 1899 he m. Sadie Huey (Huley?) who was born in East Hampton, MA, the dau. of George and Sarah (Campbell) Huey (Huley?). Both are said to have lived in Everett, MA, at the time of their wedding – that Almond was a bank clerk there. In 1922 he was listed as living in Canada.(8) Old notes say he resided at 5 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal, P.Q.(9)

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Ibid.
3. Rockingham Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #5317, #21001.
4. 1880 New Hampshire U.S. Census Soundex.
5. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #9645-N.
6. 1880 U.S. Census Soundex.
7. Rockingham Co. Probate Records, Dockets #5317, #21001.
8. Ibid., Docket #21001.
9. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Sarah Jane[8] (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-197.** Sarah Jane was born 3 October 1839. Her sister Susan C. wrote: "Sister Sarah J. married Alfred Smith about the year 1858 . . . She married Joseph Richards of Council Bluffs, Iowa for 2 [sic] husband. He died in Iowa. She came to New Hampshire . . . Lived in Grafton [in 1910 Sarah Jane lived in Auburn, NH] and died 29 November 1917. She had five children . . . don't know their dates of birth. You can write to Henry Smith of Auburn, he may have dates when they were born. They are all living (1921) and four are married but I don't know where they all live."(1)

*Sarah J.'s children (named Smith or Richards):*

i Alice E.[9], m. Austin Braley of Danbury, NH.
ii George L.[9]
iii Edward W.[9]
iv Henry A.[9], of Auburn, NH in 1921.
v Albert O.[9]

Note
1. A letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH 2 Apr 1921

**Laura Patten[8] (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-198.** Laura Patten was born 28 May 1842, a twin to her sister Lydia B. She married George Downing of Concord, New Hampshire. Laura wrote, "My brother Lewis has got the Genealogy a way back . . . if you write [him] you will learn quite a lot . . . ." Laura died 29 November 1917.

*Laura's children (named Downing):*(1)

i Charles C.[9], In 1921 he lived in Hopedale, MA. He probably had a child, Alice, who m. a Mr. Coffin
**9-225** ii Mary Jane[9].

Note:
1. A letter from Laura P. Downing, 30 Lyndon St., Concord, NH, 22 May 1910; letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH, Apr 1921.

**Lydia B.[8] (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-199.** Lydia B. (probably Bartlett), a twin of Laura P., was born 28 May 1842. Lydia's sister Susan C. wrote that Lydia married Ezra Aldrich of Canan (Canaan), NH, but Lydia's mother's will calls her Lydia B. Austin.(1)

*Lydia's children (named Aldrich or Austin):*

i Charles[9].
ii Arthur[9].

Susan C. wrote that both children died young and that Lydia died 5 January 1921.

Note:
1. A letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH, Apr 1921; Rockingham County Probate Records Docket #7533.

**Lewis[8] (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-200.** Lewis was born 4 April 1845 in Alexandria, New Hampshire.(1) Lewis wrote, "My Brother and I came to Iowa in the spring of 1867. Worked near McGregor one summer then went to Grinnell. Bought a farm lived there ten years . . . ."(2) The farm was 240 acres of prairie at the time they purchased it.(3)

On 19 December 1873 Lewis married Mrs. Amanda S. Voorhees in Tama County, Iowa.(4) Amanda was born about 1848 in PA, the only child of John Campbell. Lewis wrote, "Amanda was an only child, came from Pennsylvania. [I] don't know anything about her people." The 1880 O'Brien County, Iowa Census lists both her parents as being born in Pennsylvania. That census lists a daughter named Almon (sic) G. Voorhees, age eleven, who was born in Iowa.

In 1878 Lewis moved West to O'Brien County and settled in Dale Township, where only two families were living at the time. He bought 160 acres of land "which had never been touched by the hand of man," and eight years later he bought another 160 acres.

Amanda died 11 Mar 1886. Lewis buried her in East Lawn Cemetery in Sheldon, Iowa. Two days before Christmas in 1890 Lewis remarried in Wilmot, SD. The bride was thirty-seven-year-old Mrs. Mary E. Quigley of Wilmot. She was born in Portage, WI, the daughter of Simeon Mead(5) (born 14 February 1802 in New York) and Susan (Alexander) (b. 20 October 1821 in New York). Simeon came to Iowa early and died at Cedar Falls. Mary's mother lived her late years with Lewis and Mary.

*The History of O'Brien and Osceola Counties* praised Lewis for his success and his beautiful farm. Lewis wrote about his brother, "Edward went to Kansas. We have been ingaged in Farming and raising cattle. We have Made a good success. Made some forty thousand dollars a piece."

Lewis belonged to the Congregational Church and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He described himself as 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 145 pounds and wrote that he was Republican. This Lewis is the one who copied the old Woodman family record in Auburn, New Hampshire, on 17 May 1899.

When asked about his grandchildren Lewis wrote, "You had better send to my boys for they are raising Woodmen [sic] so fast I can't keep track of them." Lewis' address has been given variously as Sheldon, Archer, Primghar, all in a small area within O'Brien County.

*Lewis and Amanda's children:*(6)

i George Orrin[9], born 21 Oct 1874. In 1910 he was in Granville, ND. In 1921 the mayor of Granville wrote, "I did know George O. He was in the restaurant business while he was here. He and his wife were parted but don't know if they were ever divorced. I do not know their present address. Her folks used to live at Elbow Lake, MN.

ii William B.[9], born 22 Feb 1877. In 1921 the Granville mayor, G.R. Gunstrom, wrote that William married Ann McNickle, the daughter of Miles McNickle. He said, "I have known William real well for many years, before he was married and after, but since he has moved away I have not had any correspondence." He described William as 5 feet 8 inches tall with a light complexion, and said that William was a member of the Masonic Lodge. *The History of O'Brien and Osceola Counties* gave William's address as Montana. The ex-husband of William's sister, Lillian, thought William was in Billings, MT, in 1921.

iii Andrew S.[9], b. 25 Apr 1879 was in Omaha, NE in 1910.

iv Lillian M.[9], b. 22 May 1884, m. William H. Barnett at Granville, ND 1 Sep 1910. William was born 28 May 1884 at Britt, IA, the son of John H. and Mary E. Barnett. William and Lillian lived in Poplar, MT, from 1910 to the fall of 1918 when they were divorced. William Barnett wrote, "Lillian is now Mrs. Vern Hame. Think their address is Cody, Wyoming . . . She has not children." William described his ex-wife as 5 feet 7 inches tall, 120 pounds with a light complexion.(7)

Notes:
1. An undated biography from Lewis, Archer, IA (probably 1910).
2. A letter from Lewis 25 Jan 1910.
3. *History of O'Brien and Osceola Counties, IA,* S. J. Clark Publishing Co., 1904, p. 1026-7.
4. Lewis; Tama Co., IA, certificate of marriage.
5. Ibid.; Roberts Co., SD certificate of marriage.
6. Lewis; 1880 Census of O'Brien Co., IA.
7. A biography from Wm. H. Barnett, Harrison, MT, 1921.

## Edward August[8] (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-201.** Edward August was born 23 August 1848 in Alexandria, New Hampshire, and attended the district school there.(1) In 1867, nineteen years old, Edward and his older brother, Lewis, joined the restless adventurers who went West following the Civil War. Choosing Iowa, they spent their first

summer working near McGregor, but soon moved on to Grinnell when they bought a 240-acre farm, staying there ten years.(2)

In 1892 Edward A. returned to old New Hampshire for his bride. In March he married Mary J. Pearsons of North Wilmot, New Hampshire. Mary was born there 23 August 1857, the daughter of Uriah Pearson, "Unfortunately [we were] divorced," wrote Edward A. but he does not say when or where.

In 1878 Lewis and Edward split up, Lewis going to O'Brien County, Iowa and Edward moving to Washington County, Kansas.

Edward A., still only thirty-five years old, married Mary M. Sorr in Highland, Tama County, Iowa. They were married 4 March 1883 by C. A. Wilson, Justice of the Peace. Mary was born 19 July 1846 in Highland, the daughter of George N. and Sophia Roth.(2)

Edward A. wrote that he had been a lumber, coal, and grain dealer in Mahaska, Kansas; at some time he operated a general store. There is a letterhead, "W. W. Love & Company, dealers in General Merchandise, Walter W. Love and E. A. Woodman, dry goods, boots, shoes, hats, caps, gloves, mittens, groceries, provisions and poultry." In the undated biography, he listed his occupation as farming and cattle raising.

"We have made a good success," wrote his brother Lewis. "Made some forty thousand dollars a piece."

Edward A. described himself as 5 feet 6 inches, weighing 150 pounds. He was a Republican who said his religion was "Do Good to all Men."

*Edward and Mary J.'s children:*

i Jennie M.[9], b. Jan 1874, m. Mr. Grubbs. In 1910 or 1911 she lived in Mahaska, KS.

ii Nellie[9], b. Apr 1876, m. Mr. Holms. In 1910 or 1911 she resided in Montour, IA.

*Edward and Mary M.'s children:*

iii Grace N.[9], b. 23 Sep 1891. She was living in Mahaska, KS in 1910 or 1911.

Notes:

1. Unless otherwise noted the information comes from an undated biography form sent by Edward A. (probably 1910).
2. A letter from Lewis[8], Archer, IA, 25 Jun 1910.
3. Marriage certificate, Tama Co., IA.

### Susan C.[8] (David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-202.** Susan C. wrote that she was born in 1855. Her brother Lewis said she was born 9 April 1854; the 1860 U.S. Census gives her age as five. Susan wrote a long letter in 1921 and knew a good deal about the family. She married John F. White 16 June 1877.

*Susan C.'s children (named White):*(1)

**9-226** i Elizabeth E.[9], b. 16 Apr 1880.

**9-227** ii Alice L.[9], b. 6 May 1884.

iii Nora F.[9], b. 7 Jan 1895. In 1921 she lived with her mother in Deerfield, NH.

iv Ella M.[9], b. 5 Oct 1896. In 1921 resided at Haverhill, MA.

Note:

1. A letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH 2 Apr 1921.

### John Langley[8] (Peter Ordway[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-203.** John Langley was born 29 May 1842 in Manchester, New Hampshire. His eyes began to bother him at an early age. John's father Peter Ordway deposed, "When he [John L.] was a boy living at home he was troubled with what was called night blindness. We first noticed that when he

was about sixteen years old. He used to drive a team for me and when he did not get home by sundown I would always go out on the road to meet him . . . to tell the truth we did not pay much attention to it . . . The boys used to think it kind of funny when out coon hunting that John would run right up against a tree or anything . . . He had a scrofulous sore [a form of tuberculosis characterized by the enlargement of lymph glands, especially those in the neck] on his neck but that healed up before he went to the war."

In 1861 John L. was at work clearing land in Deerfield, New Hampshire, where he boarded with the Richardson family. It was there he met Flora A. Richardson whom he married 19 October 1862.(1) Married less than a year, on 12 August 1863, John L. was drafted as a private into Company D, 5th Regiment New Hampshire Infantry leaving a pregnant Flora to cope with the birth of their first child. Twenty-one years old at the time, Army records describe him as 5 feet 7 inches, a light complexion, with brown eyes and brown hair.

His father deposed, "He [John Langley] was that way [having night blindness] when he went into the Army and the authorities know it, but they said, ok!, pass him, his father will pay him out or pay for a substitute. But I did not and the boy went and done his duty the best he could."

Night duty did cause problems for the new soldier, but not for long. In June of 1864, both armies were down in Virginia, not far from Richmond, and near a nondescript little tavern called Cold Harbor which sat on a lazy little crossroads. While the Northern Army dallied, the Rebel Army dug a fearsome network of trenches. On June 3, the Union Army made a series of short attacks on the Rebel lines, most of which lasted no longer than ten or fifteen minutes. Within a half-hour the North had suffered 7,000 casualties and the luckless John L. was one of them.

It was one of the worst defeats the North endured. All due to the Union Commander's poor leadership. A Rebel Colonel noted that, "The dead covered more than five acres of ground about as thickly as they could be laid."(2)

So John Langley's war ended on June 3. He had been gravely wounded and never returned to his unit. After spending time in field hospitals, he was sent to Lincoln General Hospital in Washington, DC and Flora went there to care for him. About this time their only child died. John was discharged on New Year's Eve 1864 with a total disability and a pension of eight dollars a month.

Although the war closed early for him, he endured great suffering the rest of his life. John L. wrote in 1886, "The wound which I received and which causes my present disabled condition, is located in the left thigh, the ball passing through, and shattering the thigh bone, making my left limb some five inches shorter than the right limb. It is also bent or bowed outward, making a painful as well as an unsightly looking deformity. My knee and ankle joints of that limb are so painful at times that I can scarcely endure the sufferings therefrom, and many nights throughout the year sleep, is for me, out of the question . . . I would be in a better condition of health and spirits if the entire limb was amputated. I suffer almost constant pain from it and the entire limb is so weak and powerless, that were I obliged to use it in any degree of strength or support in the performance of manual labor, it would be an impossibility . . . ."

John L.'s wife, Flora A., wrote, "We [she and John L.] lived with my father [in Deerfield] until Mr. Woodman went into the Army, and lived there about two years after he was discharged. We then moved to Suncook, New Hampshire and lived there about two years engaged in business as a tinsmith. Then we moved back home to Deerfield because he was so broken down he could not carry on the business. We lived there until we came to Manchester and went into business with G. R. Vance in 1872 in the stove and tinware business. This partnership continued until about a month before his death."

And John L.'s eyesight continued to worsen as the years went by. He had night blindness since he was a boy, but as he grew older his daylight vision became increasingly impaired and he required assistance to move about. In fact, in 1888 John L. applied for an increase in pension for his

eye problem, but he was turned down.

Flora wrote, "About a year before he died he was knocked down by the horse cars but was not hurt very much. Just bruised a little. Then in about a month he had what the doctor called a slight shock of paralysis and in 3 weeks after that he had a heavy shock and from that time he was never out of the house."

Although John L. was bedeviled by his poor eyesight and the gunshot wound for years, he died of Chronic Bright's Disease on 19 April 1892 in Manchester.(3) And his pension, which had gradually increased through the years but had never been more than $24.00 a month, stopped.

Flora A., without work skills, and left with a child who also suffered from a vision problem, applied for a widow's pension based upon the fact that John L. had been plagued with kidney disease since shortly after he was wounded. "While confined at home with this wound," she testified, "he developed symptoms of Kidney Disease . . . For two or three weeks at a time his water had to be drawn from him. Then he would manage to get along for a time without such help but always with trouble to himself . . . He used to eat a great deal of rosin (a hard yellow, brown or black substance that remains when turpentine is evaporated from pine resin) and carried it in his pocket all the time. Dr. Hines had told him to use that. The water that came from my husband after his return home had a thick deposit like brick dust. It often had an appearance almost like blood.

"He was a peculiar man in some ways," Flora continued, "and never talked much about himself nor his ailments. It may seem strange but I never knew how much pension he was getting or anything about his pension matters."

Although his attending physician testified that John L. could have contracted Bright's Disease "from the long suppuration from the wound," Flora's pension was denied.

Flora remarried 22 March 1899 to a man named Miller (he was probably William C. Miller), but by autumn she was dead. Only two of their six children had survived them.

*John L.'s children:*

i Rebecca L.[9], b. 7 Nov 1863; d. 21 Aug 1864.

ii Jennie F.[9], b. 9 Mar 1868; m. Samuel B. Dickey who became her sister Phronie's guardian. They lived in Manchester.

iii Maud A.[9], b. 16 Apr 1870; d. 20 Jun 1870. A twin.

iv Blanche E.[9], b. 16 Apr 1870; d. 17 May 1870. a twin of Maud A. It is said her body was moved to the Granite Cemetery in Deerfield 5 May 1892.

v Ina L.[9], b. 16 Jun 1881; d. 4 Aug 1881.

vi Phronie A.[9], born 21 Feb 1884 was eight years old when her father died, and like him, she was plagued by vision problems. Dr. O. D. Abbott wrote, "She has a congenital trouble with the eyes, the like of which I never saw before. There has always been an intolerance of light. A bright light affects her eyes much as looking at the sun would an ordinary eye. The lids draw down involuntary to keep out the light . . . She is scrofulous which I have no doubt was inherited. She cannot go outdoors alone and only about the house much as a blind person would. She is a pitiable object."

When Phronie's mother died in 1899, Phronie's sister Jennie's husband, Samuel B. Dickey, became her guardian. Samuel and Jennie helped Phronie apply for a pension as the "helpless child" of a war veteran. Jennie wrote, "She never went to school but 8 weeks when she was 7 or 8 years old. Some of us went back and forth with her but the strain was too great for her eyes . . . She can do some kinds of housework but not many things and if with strangers could not do enough to pay her board to say nothing of the care. I take her with me when I go out because it is good for her and keeps her from fretting . . . ."

Phronie received a pension until she was twenty-one, at which time she reapplied. Because of considerations of privacy, more records are not available at this time.

Phronie and her sister Jennie inherited their father's property(4) and during the first two decades of this century the land deed books of Hillsborough County record many land sales of Phronie and her sister Jennie Dickey. Phronie died 29 January 1951 at Manchester. She left all her worldly goods to Orin M. Ordway of Manchester, while making him executor of her estate.(5)

Phronie never married nor had children.

Notes:

Unless otherwise noted, this piece is taken from John Langley's military pension record from the Military Archives, Washington, DC.

1. New Hampshire Vital Records; 1850 U.S. Census.
2. Bruce Catton, *A Stillness at Appomattox*, Garden City, NY, Doubleday & Co., 1953, pp. 149-173.
3. Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #13509.
4. Ibid.
5. Ibid., Docket #69735.

### William Taylor[8] (Peter Ordway[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-204.** William Taylor was born 15 September 1863. On 4 July 1897 he married Lila (Lillian) B. Sawyer who was born about 1877, the daughter of Orren D. Sawyer. Wm. T. was said to be an abstractor in real estate and insurance in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for a time, but that he returned to Manchester, New Hampshire.

In 1900 he is said to have been in Manchester working in insurance and that he was also a hotel clerk, living at 314 Jewett St. According to the 1900 Census, Lillian B. and her son Allan C. were living at 110 Arlington St. in Manchester with her father.

*William T.'s children:*

i Allan Cooper[9], born 6 May 1898 or 99. There was an Allen C. Woodman who died in October of 1959 in Manchester, but it is not known if he was the son of William Taylor. This Allen C's. widow was named Rose and she lived at 97 Bridge St.(1) There is also a New Hampshire death record of "Mary Anne" b. Manchester, New Hampshire 10 Sep 1898, daughter of Victor Riel & Caroline Bourgault, d. Sacred Heart Hospital 1 Sep 1932, age 33, wife of Allen C. Woodman, but it does not say which Allen C.

*The Allen C. who d. in 1959 had children:*

i William F.[10], lived in Manhattan Beach, CA in 1959.
ii Constance Nelson[10], lived in Las Vegas, NV in 1959.
iii Milah Grace[10], b. 10 Oct 1900.
iv Marion Evelyn[10], b. 11 Nov 1902.

Note

1. Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #77867; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Margaret Ann[8] (Frances S.[7], George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-205.** According to the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of Tamworth, New Hampshire, Margaret Ann was born in 1845 or 1846. When her mother applied for a military pension in 1871 she called her Margaret Ann, age twenty-five; on another sheet of the same application her mother called her "Ann" and said she was born 13 October 1849. Margaret Ann seems to have been variously called Margaret A., Ann, Maggie A.(1)

Margaret A. married Joseph Gardner (both of Tamworth) 6 September 1865. On the pension application of 1871 Fanny S. called her "very poor" and living in Tamworth.

By the time her mother was declared insane in 1886, she was called Maggie A. or

Margaret A., the wife of Frank A. Glidden. She must have died before November 1916, for she was not listed as an heir of her mother.

*Margaret A. and Joseph's children (named Gardner):*

i Edward[9], in 1916 he lived in Ossipee, NH.
ii Almon[9], in 1916 he lived in Wolfeboro, NH.

Margaret A. may have also had Sarah[9] and Larkin[9].

*Margaret A. and Frank's children (named Glidden):*

iii William[9], in 1916 he was in Moultonboro, NH.
iv Annie[9], in 1916 her whereabouts were unknown.
v Louis[9], in 1916 his whereabouts were unknown.
vi Herman[9], in 1916 he was in Wolfeboro Falls, NH.
vii Harry[9], in 1916 he was in Nashua, NH.
viii Nelson[9], in 1916 he was in Barre, VT.

Note:

1. 1850, 1860, 1880 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH; Larkin E.'s Military Record; Carroll Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #8463, #5779, #5780; New Hampshire Vital Records.

## Angeline Ester[8] (Frances S.[7], George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-206.** Variously called Angeline, Angie, Mary A. or Mary Angie, her age varies also. In the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census she is said to have been born in 1847. In the 1870 Census she is said to have been born in 1850. When her mother, Fanny S. applied for a military pension in 1871, she deposed that, "Angeline E., aged 23, lives at home and is out of health." On the final page of the application, Fanny testified that Angeline Ester was born 29 March 1851.(1)

There is a record that Mary Angie of Tamworth, New Hampshire married George Henry Ames of Tamworth, at Tamworth, 16 October 1875. Angeline was said to be deceased when her brother William Henry died in 1916.

*Angeline E.'s child (perhaps there were others) (named Ames):*

i John[9], in 1916 he lived in South Tamworth, NH.

Note:

1. 1850, 1860, 1870 U.S. Census; Larkin E.'s Military Record; Carroll Co. Probate Records, Dockets #8463, #5779, #5780; New Hampshire Vital Records.

## Milton Allen[8] (Joseph B.[7], George[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-207.** Milton Allen was born 5 February 1853 in Hamilton, Massachusetts. In Wenham, Massachusetts, on 29 December 1872, the nineteen-year-old Milton A. (a shoemaker like his father) married Margaret Cavanaugh. She, said to be "about thirty-one," was born in Ireland, the daughter of Martin and Catherine Dargen (sic) (Margaret's death record gives her parents as Martin and Bridget Cavanaugh).(1)

In 1910 they lived on Arbor Street in Wenham. By that time Margaret is listed as "Maggie" and her age is 56. Their only son and his wife lived with them.(2)

Margaret died on Union Street in South Hamilton 31 May 1912, said to be seventy-one, and that she and both her parents were born in Ireland. Milton A. died on Main Street in Wenham 28 October 1915. He was a retired produce dealer.(3)

*Milton A.'s children:*

i Charles Everett[9], b. 20 Mar 1874.(4) He m. Mary L. Callely (I think she was also called "Louise M."). She was born about 1873 in Beverly, MA the daughter of John and Rose

(Ward) Callely who were both born in Ireland. He, of 104 Main Street, Wenham, d. in the Beverly Hospital at Beverly, MA, 18 Dec 1954. She d. 11 Jan 1960, in a nursing home in Revere, MA. She is buried in Wenham Cemetery.(5) In the 1910 U.S. Census Margaret reported that she had another child who died, but its name was not given.

Notes:
1. Massachusetts Vital Records, 72:177, 244:336.
2. 1910 U.S. Census.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records, 1912, 46:401; 1915, 85:446.
4. Ibid., 259:337.
5. Ibid., 1960, 6:41.

### Daniel Titcomb[8] (George Hogdon[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-208.** Daniel Titcomb was born April 1846. In 1900 he lived in Van Dusen, Humboldt County, California, with his wife Elizabeth C. (Warren), who was born in April 1858 in California.(1)

*Daniel T.'s children – all born in California:*

i Ettna A.[9], b. Mar 1883.
ii Clifton C.[9], b. Sep 1886 in Elk.
iii Ewart[9] (sic), b. Sep 1898 in Elk.

Note:
1. 1850 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH; 1900 Soundex U.S. Census, Van Dusen, Humboldt Co., CA (9:41:3:57); Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### George Oscar[8] (Nathaniel Hubbard[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-209.** George Oscar was born in New Hampshire (probably Tamworth) 14 March 1850.(1) He married Caroline I. Blanc 14 October 1875 at Sanford's Corners, New York. Caroline was born 6 January 1854. George Oscar died 25 July 1927. He is buried back in the Cleveland Hill Cemetery in Tamworth.

*George Oscar's children:*

i Elizabeth May[9], b. 14 Jul 1876 at Tarrytown, NY. She d. 3 Aug 1876.
ii Arthur Blanc[9], b. 28 Apr 1878 at Sanford's Corner, NY. He was baptized at Rome, NY, 16 Mar 1885. In 1900 Arthur B. was a lodger at Allen Dryden's home on 7 Winthrop St., Watertown, NY, Jefferson Co.(2) On 24 Aug 1903 Arthur m. Gertrude Seiter (b. 22 Mar 1879) at Syracuse, NY.(3)

Notes:
1. 1850, 1860 U.S. Census, Tamworth, NH.
2. 1900 U.S. Census Soundex.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Nathaniel Hubbard[8] (Nathaniel Hubbard[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-210.** Nathaniel Hubbard, Jr. was born 15 July 1852 at Tamworth, New Hampshire. He married Mattie Currie of Brooklyn, New York in 1875. His second wife was Lillian Pope.(1)

*Nathaniel H., Jr.'s child – there were perhaps more:*

i Maud Grace[9], b. 30 Dec 1875 at Sandwich, NH. She m. the Rev. Henry Foote about 1906.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Charles Ernest[8] (Nathaniel Hubbard[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-211.** Charles Ernest was born 2 August 1877 in Williamstown, New York. In 1880 he lived with his parents at 237 President Street in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York; in 1900 he lived with them at 154 Carroll Street.(1)

He married Agnes Vosburgh Garner 3 October 1906 in Henry Ward Beecher's Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. She was born in Ghent, New York, 19 July 1880, the daughter of Jeremiah and Anna (Vosburgh) Garner.

Charles E.'s son, Robert Garner Woodman wrote that the name "Garner" was the English version of Kerner, a family from the Palatinate (Black Forest) region of Germany. Agnes' father, Jeremiah (Jerry), was the son of a well-to-do farmer in Chatman, New York. Given to wondrous bouts of drinking, Robert G. said, Jerry lost his inheritance and his farms and the family ended up in the Columbia Heights section of Brooklyn where Anna ran a boarding house to help support the family. Robert Garner Woodman wrote:

> My mother Agnes used to recall how the old square-rigged ships berthed below Columbia Heights, the smell of roasting coffee, and how creamy the Brazil nuts from South America were. She remembered the celebration of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty . . . .
>
> The Vosburghs arrived in 'Nieuw Nederland' on the good ship Golden Beaver in 1635, the same year Edward Woodman arrived at Newburyport . . . according to the Daughters of the American Revolution, she [Agnes] was entitled to membership in the D.A.R. through 17 ancestors. . . . Through intermarriage many of her relatives were members of . . . the old poltroon families of the Hudson Valley.
>
> My father was one of the first men to be qualified as a Certified Public Accountant. He resigned as chief examiner of the New York State Insurance Department in July 1919 to join the Ocean Accident Casualty, an international casualty company.
>
> My father and I moved to our home in Tenafly, New Jersey, on June 29, 1922, my brother's ninth birthday. He [Robert G.'s brother] and my mother could not be with us as she was caring for him while he was bedded by a severe cold.
>
> My father was elected a member of the Tenafly Borough Council in 1929 and established facilities to feed and shelter the destitute in the firehall there in 1930-34.
>
> Dad [Charles E.] was 6 feet 1 inch, 165 pounds, balding – with a mustache . . . actually he and my mother were more Independent than merely registered Republicans.
>
> My father moved from his suburban New York home in Tenafly, New Jersey, in 1948 after retiring as comptroller of Ocean Accident Casualty for 30 years, to Waterville, New York, where he died 16 December 1955. My mother died there 13 December 1960. Both were cremated and are buried in the Garner family plot in Ghent, New York.

Robert Garner told wonderful stories.

You might be amused to learn that when I was attending summer school at the University of New Hampshire in 1932, one weekend I went to Tamworth, where there was a 'straw hat summer theatre,' and met a lady who said that she remembered my grandfather, remarking: 'Oh, Nat Woodman, I knew him well.'

Late in August 1932 my parents came up to Durham to take me with them on vacation. Before we left Durham, my father drove into the country where we saw a man in work clothes sitting on a chair, tilted against the front of a grocer-general store. His straw hat was tilted to shade his eyes and he was really loafing. My father strolled to the steps leading up to the porch of the store and he said: 'Pardon me, my name is Woodman.' The gentleman declared, 'I am Charles Woodman.' My father continued: 'I am Charles E. Woodman.' The

gentleman retorted, 'I am Charles E. Woodman.' To resolve the identification, my father stated: 'I am Charles Ernest Woodman.' And finally the gentleman admitted that he was Charles Edward Woodman.

This may have happened in Lee, New Hampshire where Charles Woodman[8] (Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2]) operated a grocery store. This Charles was born 25 August 1864 and died in Lee in 1939. But his middle name was "Austin."

*Charles E.'s children:*

i John Garner[9], b. 24 Jul 1908 in a hospital in Brooklyn, NY. He d. about fifteen days later. He is buried beside his parents in Ghent, NY.

**9-228** ii Robert Garner[9], b. 26 Jul 1909.

**9-229** iii Richard Sage[9], b. 29 Jun 1913.

Notes:

1. 1880 U.S. Census Soundex; 1900 U.S. Soundex, Brooklyn (65:61:19:5).
2. Letters from Charles Ernest Woodman, 1610 50th St., Brooklyn, NY, 3 Apr 1916; 114 5th Ave, New York, NY, 24 Mar 1921; 1217 E. 23rd St., Brooklyn, NY, 13 Apr 1921; 75 Norman Place, Tenafly, NJ, 12 Jan 1949. Letters from Charles E.'s son Robert Garner Woodman (to John A. Woodman, 31 Charles, Canton, MA) 16 Jan 1990, 13 Feb 1990. Letters from Robert Garner to Eloise, 1609 W. Brown St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4420, 15 Apr 1990, 16 Apr 1990, 23 Jul 1990.

## Harry Nathaniel[8] (John Edwin[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**8-212.** Harry Nathaniel was born 22 August 1871 in New Haven Connecticut. He married Anna Slagle 16 July 1890 at Rome, New York. At the time of his parents' death Harry N. lived in Rome. He assisted his mother in securing a widow's pension. In fact, both parents may have died in his house.(1)

*Harry Nathaniel's child – perhaps there were more:*

i Harry N., Jr.[9], b. 19 Dec 1891.

Notes:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Military Record of John Edwin Woodman, Military Archives, Washington, DC.

# NINTH GENERATION

**Emma Viena Furber[9] (Nicholas Pickering Furber[8], Mary Woodman Furber[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-1.** Emma Viena was born 29 July 1854; she married Charles A. Hodgdon in 1870. She died 21 or 23 March 1875 or 1876. He died in 1918, age 68.

*Emma V.'s children (named Hodgdon):*(1)

i Herbert Irving[10], b. 19 Mar 1871.

ii Albert Edgar[10], b. 4 Feb 1874.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Effie Furber Griffiths, Durham, NH, 7 Jun and 8 Jul 1921; letter from Jackson Hoyt, Newington, NH, 29 May 1921.

**Mary Effie Furber[9] (Nicholas Pickering Furber[8], Mary Woodman Furber[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-2.** Mary Effie was born 2 December 1859 or 60: m. Edward B. Griffiths of Durham, New Hampshire, 2 July 1884. She is surely buried in the Griffiths' family cemetery outside of Durham.(1) It is she who wrote the charming letters about her great-grandfather.

*Mary E.'s child (named Griffiths):*

i Sadie Marion[10], b. 6 Apr 1901. She planned to graduate from New Hampshire State College, Class of 1922.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Effie Furber Griffiths, Durham, NH, 7 Jun and 8 Jul 1921; letter from Jackson Hoyt, Newington, NH, 29 May 1921.

**William Langdon Furber[9] (Nicholas Pickering Furber[8], Mary Woodman Furber[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-3.** William Langdon, was born 21 March 1862; m. Virginia Davis of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. 25 February 1891.(1)

*William L.'s children (named Furber):*

i Dorothy Pearl[10], b. 20 May 1905.

ii Willis Ball[10], b. 9 May 1908; d. Jun 1908.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Effie Furber Griffiths, Durham, NH, 7 Jun and 8 Jul 1921; letter from Jackson Hoyt, Newington, NH, 29 May 1921.

**Grace Alma Furber[9] (Nicholas Pickering Furber[8], Mary Woodman Furber[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-4.** Grace Alma was born 17 September 1864; m. Daniel W. Ladd of Epping, New Hampshire, on 11 July 1888.(1)

*Grace's children (named Ladd):*

i Sarah Lydia[10], b. 16 Nov 1889.

ii Daniel Watson[10], b. 8 Nov 1891.

iii Alice Effie[10], b. 5 May 1894.

iv Alva[10], b. 7 Aug 1906.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Effie Furber Griffiths, Durham, NH, 7 Jun and 8 Jul 1921; letter from Jackson Hoyt, Newington, NH, 29 May 1921.

**James S. Chesley[9] (John Samuel Chesley[8], Elizabeth Woodman Chesley[7], Jonathan[6-5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-5.** James S. Chesley, born 21 March 1864; married Nettie Isabelle (Wentworth) Swasey.(1)

*James S.'s children (named Chesley):*

i Marion Alice[10].
ii Doris Elizabeth[10].
iii Norman Newman Wentworth[10].
iv Wilbert S.[10], b. 26 Dec 1866.
v Gadriella A.[10], b. 29 Jun 1869.
vi Edgar D.[10], b. 26 Jul 1871; m. Jennie Langmaid.
vii Elizabeth W.[10], b. 17 Jun 1873.
viii Ivy May[10], b. 31 Aug 1875; m. Frank Swain of Loudon, NH, 18 Jun 1902.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 73.

**William Ezra[9] (Daniel T.[8], William[7-6], Jonathan [5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-6.** William Ezra was probably born 12 March 1882. His mother died at, or shortly following, his birth. When his father died in 1898, young William E. asked the court to appoint his cousin James W. Burnham to be his guardian, rather than his stepmother Sarah J.(1) At Newmarket, New Hampshire, probably on 12 June 1901, he married Alice Haines who was born in 1882, the daughter of Edwin B. and Ida May (Rollins) Haines. William E. lived in Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1911, but by 1921 he was in Taunton, Massachusetts, and was said to be an electrical mechanic.

It is apparent William E. and his stepmother Sarah J. were never close. Sarah J. wrote, "I have written to the Haines family for William Woodman's address and as soon as I receive it will write to William myself."(2)

*William E.'s children (Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes):*

i A son[10], b. 30 Aug 1901.
ii A son[10], b. 5 Jun 1903.
iii A son[10], b. 1 Sep 1904.

New Hampshire Vital Records add:

iv John[10], b. 27 Apr 1913 at Exeter, d. same day (a twin).
v Priscilla[10], b. 27 Apr 1913 at Exeter; d. same day (a twin).

*Bess Odiorne's notes list William E.'s children as:*(3)

**10-1**
i Daniel Edwin[10], b. 30 Aug 1901.
ii Wilbur[10].
iii Walter[10].

Notes:
1. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #9385.
2. Letter from Sarah J., 13 Aug 1921.
3. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman (Edward[1]) and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

**Mary Abbie Durgin[9] (Martha E. Woodman Durgin[8], William[7-6], Jonathan [5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-7.** Mary Abbie was born 6 December 1883. She married Fred M. Varney 4 January 1910. The Varneys owned a wetwash laundry in Dover in 1921 and lived at 32 Lexington St., Dover, New Hampshire.

Mary Abbie is the person Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. told that her great-grandfather was the illegitimate son of William[6]. Susan Woodman wrote that Mary Abbie was ashamed and very hurt. But the courteous, proper Mary Abbie wrote, "I never have heard my great-grandfather spoken of; but have been told my grandfather William was a very good man. My parents died when I was young and my father's people took me so I saw very, very little of the Woodmans altho we lived very near town."(1)

*Mary Abbie's children (named Varney):*

i Robert Winfield[10], b. 12 Sep 1910.
ii Fred Maurice, Jr.[10], b. 8 Nov 1913.
iii Esther Carolyn[10], b. 25 Mar 1915.

Note:
1. Letter from Mary Abbie Durgin Varney, 32 Lexington Street, Dover, NH, 27 Aug 1921.

**Daniel B. Holt[9] (Hannah Woodman Holt[8], Alexander[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-8.** Daniel Burton was born 21 October 1864. He married Anna J. Stevens 7 June 1894. He was a lawyer living at 516 South 11th Street, Fargo, North Dakota.(1)

*Daniel B.'s children (named Holt):*

i Harold Stevens[10], b. 17 Jan 1897 in Fargo, ND.
ii Harry Wallace[10], b. 21 Nov 1898.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Henry Holt[9] (Hannah Woodman Holt[8], Alexander[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-9.** Henry was born 10 April 1872. On 7 January 1896 he married Mildred E. Ladd. He was an insurance agent in Montpelier, Vermont.(1)

*Henry's child (named Holt):*

i Richard Ladd[10], b. 12 Apr 1898.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Delia Ferry[9] (Miretta C. Woodman Ferry[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-10.** Delia was born 18 February 1846 in Naperville, Illinois. On 3 December 1863 she married William Simpson.(1)

*Delia's children (named Simpson):*

**10-2** i Edgar Grant[10], b. 19 May 1865.
**10-3** ii Carrie Viola[10], b. 27 Nov 1870.
**10-4** iii Frank Oscar[10], b. 28 Oct 1872.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM.

**James Ira Ferry[9] (Miretta C. Woodman Ferry[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-11.** James Ira was born 31 May 1848 in Naperville, Illinois. On 7 December 1870 he married Sarah C. Graggs. He died there 3 November 1887.(1)

*James I.'s children – all born Naperville (named Ferry):*

i George Warren[10], b. 20 Jan 1872.
ii Lillie Viola[10], b. 23 Mar 1874.
iii Etta May[10], b. 5 Jun 1876.
iv Clarence Eugene[10], b. 12 Jul 1879.
v Howard Henry[10], b. 15 Aug 1881.
vi Ira Walter[10], b. 15 May 1887.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM, 15 Nov 1921.

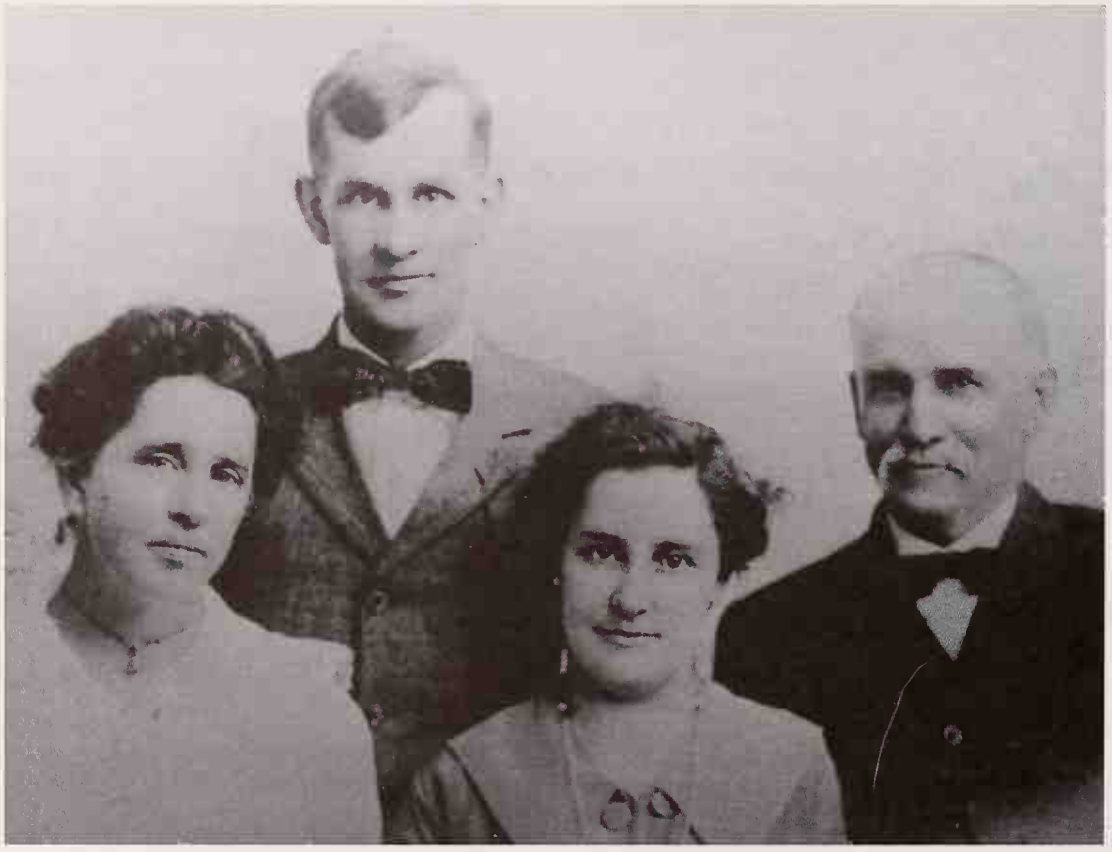
**Etta Adelle Ferry[9] (Miretta C. Woodman Ferry[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-12.** Etta Adelle was born 17 October 1861; she married George Simpson 11 March 1880. Resided in Naperville, Illinois.(1)

*Etta's children – born Naperville (named Simpson):*

i Bertha[10], b. 25 Aug 1882.
ii Roy[10], b. 13 May 1886.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM.



*Frank George Woodman*

**Frank George[9] (George E.[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-13.** Frank George was born 27 May 1860 near Warrenville, Illinois, and went to Polk County, Iowa, with his parents when he was eight years old. On 10 November 1884 he married Charlotte E. Clark, who was born 17 September 1867 in the state of New York, the daughter of Stephen H. and Lucy (Green) Clark. Frank George wrote that Charlotte always went by the name of "Leottie." He also wrote:

I do not have much to write about myself. I staid on the old homestead for 20 years and worked and bought the other heirs out. Paid them about $20,000.00.

In the year of 1884 I herded cattle in the northern part of the state of Iowa in Kossuth County. I would take cattle from Polk County up there. Father would help me up there and help me back in the fall. I was 5 miles from town and one way from my shanty it [was] 20 miles to a house.

We camped one night near Clarion, Iowa, and about 8 o'clock at night the cattle stampeded and father and I got them stopped about 2 in the morning. Father had no overcoat with him. I took off my saddle blanket and he put it around him; it was cool. The boys at camp did not know where we was until we came with the cattle. We had 500 head of cattle. That makes a large drove. I would kill a rattlesnake very nearly ever day.

When father came up to help me back, he said there was no way to get through [a field] with corn on both sides of the road for 1/2 mile [with no fence]. Well, we came to the corn . . . I asked one of the boys on a pony to help me get 10 or 12 head started and we put them under the whip and made them run as fast as they could and the rest followed like a lot of sheep. The boys said they did not get an ear of corn . . . I thought [father] had been across the plains with stock so much he would know how to do that.

Frank George was 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighed about 130 pounds. He was a Methodist and a Prohibitionist. In 1921 he wrote that the farm was now worth $200.00 an acre and that the buildings his father put up were "in as good shape as when he built them." Frank G.'s son, Orville J., lived on the farm. "We own a modern home in Maxwell, Iowa," Frank George wrote.(1)

*Frank George's children:*

**10-5** i Bessie May[10], b. 19 Feb 1886.

**10-6** ii Orville J.[10], b. 2 Jul 1889.

Note:

1. Letters from Frank George Woodman, Maxwell, IA, 19 Mar and 6 Apr 1921 and a undated biography sheet.

**Hannah Estelle[9] (George E.[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-14.** Hannah Estelle was born 2 May 1874, probably in Polk County, Iowa. She married Walter B. Harper 29 November 1893. Walter was born 10 December 1867. In 1921 they lived in Garden Grove, California.(1)

*Hannah E.'s children (named Harper):*

i Wilbur Burley[10], was b. 2 Sep 1894. Wilbur entered the U.S. Army 2 Oct 1917, and was assigned to a supply company in the 364th Infantry, 91st Division, stationed at Camp Lewis near Tacoma, WA, for about nine months. He was sent overseas in July 1918, and was a reserve at St. Mihiel from 11-17 September 1917. He participated in the Argonne Drive from 26 Sep to 4 Oct and was at Lys-Scheldt, Belgium, 30 Oct to 11 Nov 1918. Wilbur was discharged 26 Apr 1919. On 21 May 1920 he m. Goldie Matthews. In 1921 they lived in Garden Grove, CA.

ii Mildred Luella[10], b. 30 Sep 1895. On 5 Jul 1918 she became engaged to James Bennett Newton. That very month, on the 29th, James N. was drafted for service in the World War. At a camp in Vancouver, WA, he contracted influenza and pneumonia and d. 15 Jan 1919. In 1921 Mildred was living with her sister Mina in Los Angeles where she was employed by Haas, Baruch & Co. as a comptometer operator.

iii Mina Estelle[10], b. 24 Jan 1897; m. Earl Cicero Marshall, 16 Oct 1917. Resided in Los Angeles in 1921.

iv Mark LeRoy[10], b. 18 Sep 1900. In 1921 he was employed by a poultry farm in Garden Grove, raising prize-winning poultry stock.

v George Harold[10], b. 24 Jan 1904 without hearing. In 1921 he attended school in Los Angeles where he was learning the "lip language."

vi Howard Walter[10], b. 26 Nov 1906. In 1921 he was finishing grammar school.

vii Lettie Alvira[10], b. 20 Jul 1913. In 1921 she was in the second grade and was quite gifted in music.

Note:

1. An undated, unsigned letter which was probably from Hannah Estelle Harper in 1921.

## Malcom Albon[9] (Isaac Freeman[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-15.** Malcolm Albon was born 25 September 1864 at Aplington, Iowa. After acquiring an education in Clarion and Des Moines, Iowa, he married Eva B., who was born 14 December 1866 at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Isaac Elliott and Ann Royce (sic).

Malcolm was 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 185 pounds. A Methodist and a Republican, in 1921 he was a railway postal clerk in Omaha, Nebraska, where he lived at 4169 Cuming Street. Malcolm A. wrote, "No one is keeping my family as I have always worked like a dog to accomplish this and feel proud of them all . . . I have two of the finest girls you ever saw."

*Malcolm A.'s children:*

i Bruce Elliott[10], was b. 31 Oct 1893 in Tama, IA. On 30 May 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to camp in Vancouver, WA. That fall he was shipped to Camp Green in North Carolina. The next spring he was sent to France until the Armistice was signed in November. A corporal in the 4th Engineers, he was discharged 3 Aug 1919. His grandmother Lucy wrote, "He seldom talks of what he passed through . . . you will have to write to his father for all of that time of horrors the boys passed through." In 1921 Bruce E. and his brother Leland were managing a truck transfer company in Omaha.

***Bruce Elliott Woodman***

ii Marion Marsh[10], b. 29 Jul 1895. In 1921 his grandmother Lucy wrote, "He has been a salesman in a leading store in a gentlemen's furnishing goods."

iii Leland Hollister[10], b. 11 Jul 1897.

iv Frances Marie[10], b. 25 Apr 1900. She was not married in 1921.

v Valeria A.[10], b. 6 Apr 1905; she was unmarried in 1921.

Note:

1. Letters from Lucy C. Hollister Woodman, Tama, IA, 1 and 13 Jul 1921; letter from Malcolm Albon, 4169 Cuming (?) Street, Omaha, NE, 27 Jun 1921.

**Oakley H. Warne[9] (Mary M. Woodman Warne[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-16.** Oakley H. was born 6 May 1864 in Elburn, Illinois. He married Jennie Holley 8 August 1885. In 1921 he probably lived in Elburn.

*Oakley H.'s child (named Warne):*

i Glenn O.[10], b. 16 Apr 1887. Lived at St. Charles, Illinois.

Note:
1. Lost notes.

**George Woodman Martin[9] (Emily Caroline Woodman Martin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-17.** George Woodman was born 19 March 1855, married Etta J. Gilman 9 April 1881, and lived in Colebrook, New Hampshire.(1)

*George Woodman's children (named Martin):*

i Roy Gilman[10], b. 30 Oct 1885.
ii Neil G.[10], b. 17 Jan 1889.
iii True G.[10], b. 28 Nov 1890.

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Charles Edwin Martin[9] (Emily Caroline Woodman Martin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-18.** Charles Edwin was born 19 May 1861; he married 16 January 1882 and lived in Colebrook, New Hampshire.(1)

*Charles E.'s children (named Martin):*

**10-7**

i Alma Elsie[10], b. 20 Nov 1884.
ii Catherine Emily[10], b. 15 Jun 1889; m. Alpheus Frizzell 15 Jun 1905.
iii Leon Balfour[10], b. 12 Sep 1887; d. 7 Dec 1908, in New London, CT.
iv Elra Titus[10], b. 19 Feb 1891.
v Marion Ellen[10], b. 3 Sep 1894.
vi Earl Libby[10], b. 21 Mar 1898.

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**William Alden Martin[9] (Emily Caroline Woodman Martin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-19.** William Alden was born 23 January 1864. He married Fannie Gilman 31 March 1892; they lived in Colebrook, New Hampshire.(1)

*William's child (named Martin):*

i Gladys E.[10], b. 25 Aug 1900.

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Nellie May Martin[9] (Emily Caroline Woodman Martin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-20.** Nellie May was born 2 October 1869. She married Harry Eugene Weeks 2 December 1886. She married second husband John David Keeler, a teacher, and they resided in North Yakima, Washington.(1)

*Nellie and Harry's children (named Weeks):*

i Alice Maud[10], b. 24 Jul 1887; d. 4 Sep 1894.
ii Ethel May[10], b. 14 Feb 1889; d. 20 Mar 1889.
iii Mabel Emily[10], b. 14 Jan 1890. Married.

*Nellie and John's child (named Keeler):*

iv Ruth Edna[10], b. 21 Dec 1903.

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Sarah Elizabeth[9] (Kimball Franklin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-21.** Sarah Elizabeth was born 28 November 1859 in Bath, New Hampshire. She married Charles Isaac Kimball of Bath, 25 September 1876. Charles I. was born 8 November 1855, the son of James Hutchins and Harriet (Bedell) Kimball of Bath.(1)

*Sarah Elizabeth's children (named Kimball):*

**10-8** i Emma May[10], b. 19 Aug 1878.
ii William Charles[10], b. 16 Feb 1885.
iii Warren Franklin[10], b. 29 Jan 1887.
iv Lewis Edward[10], b. 6 Nov 1889.

Note:
1. *History of Kimball Family in America 1634-1897,* published 1897, p. 873; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Franklin Kimball[9] (Kimball Franklin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-22.** Franklin Kimball was born 24 or 25 August 1863 in Bath, New Hampshire.(1) On Christmas Day of 1883, he married Catherine Margaret Beattie who was born 5 April 1861 in Danville, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of Simon Beattie of Melbourne, Quebec and Catherine McMasino (or Morino) whose parents were natives of Dumfrieshire, Scotland.

Franklin K. was a hotel clerk at Wells River, Vermont, until he returned to Bath, New Hampshire, in 1886 where he was a carpenter and farmer.(2)

In 1921 Franklin K. wrote, "My wife and I are very well. We live in Lisbon, New Hampshire now. For the past seven years I've worked for the Vorker & Young Company."(3)

Franklin Kimball was a Democrat and a member of the Concordia Lodge #64 I.O.O.F. of Lisbon, New Hampshire, The Order of Foresters and a past-chief Granger.(4)

Catherine Margaret died 7 December 1933 and Franklin Kimball died 24 June 1951.(5)

*Franklin Kimball's child:*

i Arthur Beattie[10] was born 19 Aug 1889. Franklin Kimball wrote proudly, "Our son Arthur B. Woodman, M.D., graduated from Dartmouth in 1912. He then took a two-year course in the Rhode Island Hospital at Providence, RI. Also four months in Lying-in-Hospital in the same city. Arthur B. spent some time in the Boston City Hospital and the Brockton Hospital in Brockton, MA. He is a practicing physician and surgeon at Wells River, VT, since December 1918.

***Home of Franklin Kimball Woodman***

"He is not married," Franklin Kimball continued. "He was not called into service. He enlisted in the Navy . . . and was commissioned a lieutenant and was waiting his call when the flu broke out. Then the armistice was signed and he received his discharge.

"He is a prominent Mason and a member of the Eastern Star. Also several medical societies . . . I will send a picture of my son Dr. Arthur B. later but have none just now."(6) But the proud father, Franklin K., wrote several months later, "We also have wanted to have our son's picture in the book but he has not had any taken recently and we can't seem to get him at it."(7) When Franklin Kimball died in 1951, Arthur B. lived at Springfield, VT, Box 807.(8)

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records; International Genealogical Index.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
3. A letter from Franklin Kimball, Lisbon, NH, 21 Sep 1921.
4. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.
5. Grafton Co., NH, Probate Records, 1900-1988, New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. A letter from Franklin Kimball, Lisbon, NH, 21 Sep 1921.
7. Ibid., 5 Dec 1921.
8. Grafton Co., NH, Probate Records.

### Frederick Walker Connor[9] (Mary Elizabeth Connor[8], Caroline Woodman Connor[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-23.** Frederick Walker was born 5 May 1866. He married Josephine Merrill 2 November 1867.(1)

*Frederick's children (named Connor):*

i Nettie[10], b. 21 Jan 1889.
ii Hattie[10], b. 14 Jan 1891.
iii Elizabeth[10], b. 28 Mar 1897.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Sadie Louise Fox[9] (Harriette B. Connor Fox[8], Caroline Woodman Connor[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-24.** Sadie Louise was born 26 May 1865. On 27 January 1887 she married Daniel Boston.(1)

*Sadie L.'s children (named Boston):*

i Grace Evelyn[10], b. 6 Aug 1888.
ii Newton Hawthorne[10], b. 29 Jan 1890.
iii Blanche Ardelle[10], b. 1 Aug 1898.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Locke Family Genealogy.*

**Benjamin Bailey Fox[9] (Harriette B. Connor Fox[8], Caroline Woodman Connor[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-25.** Benjamin Bailey was born on New Year's Eve 1871. He married Hattie Gilman 15 October 1895. In 1908 he was a postmaster at Woodstock, New Hampshire.(1)

*Benjamin B.'s child (named Fox):*

i Dorothy[10], b. 21 Jun 1905; d. 8 Jul 1906.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Locke Family Genealogy.*

**Myron Joseph[9] (Freeman[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-26.** Myron Joseph was born 27 July 1869 in Elburn, Illinois. He married Lena Wormsley 27 November 1892. They lived in Evanston, Illinois, at 1123 Noyes Street in 1921.

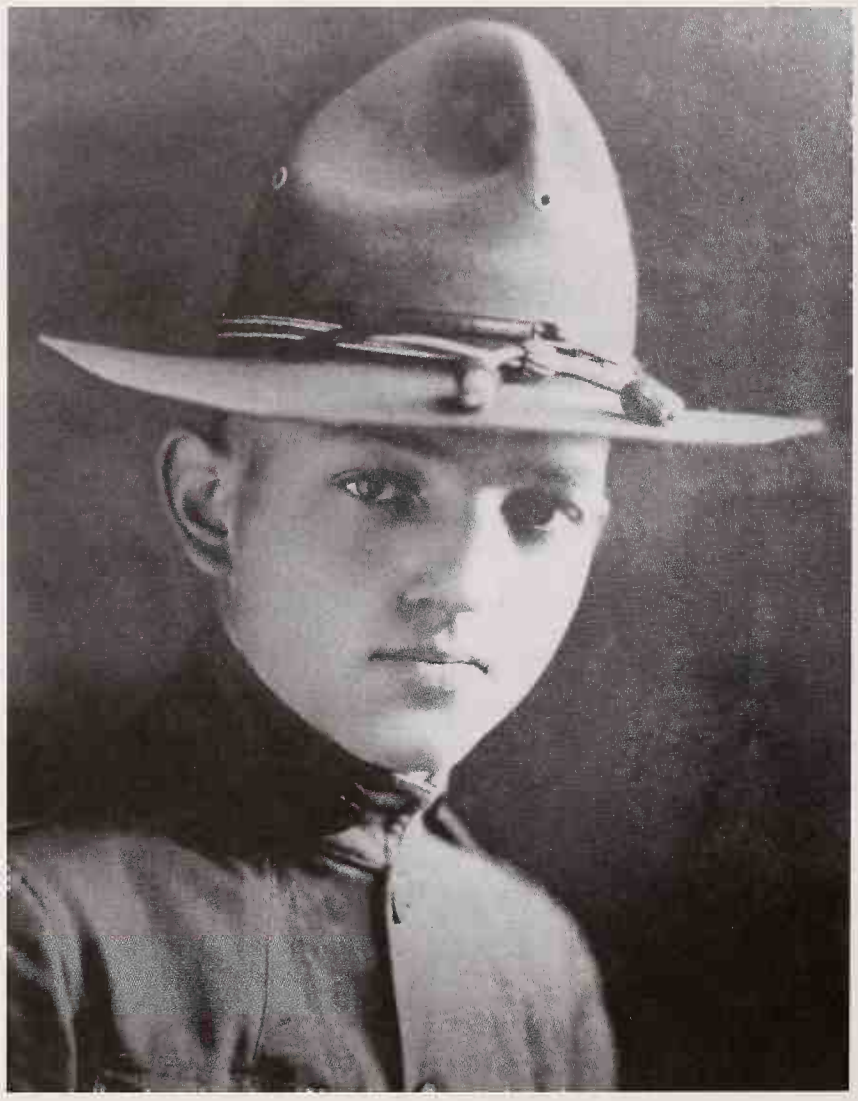
On 25 October 1921 Freeman wrote from Evanston while he was staying at Myron J.'s home. "[Evanston] is a wonderful little city – twelve miles north of Chicago on the shore of Old Lake Michigan. Fifty thousand – purely a resident city with 3 million buildings going up this year.

"I drove a milk wagon there for four years," Freeman continued. "My son and I had a fine 10-can [sic] route . . . I went there so I could school my two youngest girls."(1)

Myron J. was said to be a merchant at 1935 Maple Avenue in Evanston. He is also said to have danced on his one hundreth birthday and lived to see his 101st.(2)

*Myron Joseph's children:*(3)

i Arthur Perry[10], b. 4 Mar 1894. Arthur volunteered in Co. C Second Engineers in World War I and served two years. He was captured at the Battle of Marne



***Willard Woodman***

6 June 1918, and remained a prisoner at Darmstadt Prison for seven months. He had received two bullets in his chest and lungs in this battle and the Germans operated on him without anesthetics.

"He was in nine separate engagements," proudly wrote his Grandfather Freeman, an old veteran himself. "He has the Victory Medal which only those can have that saw actual service. He has one ball and several pieces of shell in his lungs yet . . . He is no hand to write, but a great worker." Freeman also wrote about Arthur P. and his brother, Willard. "The boys are both disgusted with the way they was treated by the government [after the war]."

ii Willard[10], b. 13 Mar 1898. He enlisted in Co. 843, Motor Tr. Corps, the first U.S. unit to participate in the war. Willard first served with the French Army, hauling tanks and guns to the front. He was in nine separate battles and received the Victory Medal.

***Arthur Perry Woodman***

Notes:

1. Letters from Freeman Woodman, Santa Ana, CA, 2 Aug 1921 and 25 Oct 1921.
2. *Citrus Co. (FL) Health/Seniors,* Tues. 10 Oct 1989 1C & 5C (This must be from a newspaper).
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; biography and letter from Freeman, 3 Oct 1921.

## Fannie Jeanette[9] (Freeman[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-27.** Fannie Jeanette was born 16 August 1872 at Elburn, Illinois. She married John H. Cook, a physician, on 31 May 1893.

In 1921 Fannie wrote from Sugarite, New Mexico, about her former husband, "Dr. Cook did not die. I was married to present husband P. A. Zuvanick 2 May 1916 at San Bernadino, California. He is a mining man and our home is Los Angeles." (Mr. Zuvanick was said to be Fannie's third husband.)

And then Fannie Jeanette, as feisty as her father Freeman, wrote, "Ever since I received your card telling me we were fifth cousins I have been singing that old song, 'He's a cousin of mine,' [a popular tune of that era] and intending to write you, but, oh dear, when you are living in such a God-forsaken country as this, you don't do anything you intend . . . but listen to me – Already I am packing my 'doll rags' to go home . . . We expect to leave here about the first.

"I have been in the hotel business for about ten years, in California," Fannie J. continued, "and am going back to get in the game again in a smaller way – have been having them from 70 to 200 rooms in San Diego, San Francisco and L.A. I like L.A. the best."(1)

*Fannie J. and John's child (named Cook):*

**10-9** i Marguerite[10], b. 5 Sep 1895.

Note:

1. Letters from Fannie Jeanette Woodman Zuvanick, Sugarite, NM, 1 Sep 1921 and 17 Nov 1921; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Edith May[9] (Freeman[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-28.** Edith May was born 21 October 1881.(1) She married William G. Bliss 6 April 1907. In 1921 she lived in Toppenish, Washington, where her father, Freeman, visited her frequently and wrote, "[Edith] is principal now of two schools . . . with 20 teachers and 700 pupils at a salary of $185 a month (pretty good)." In 1935 she lived at 1427 South 14th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, and was caring for her father.(2)

*Edith M.'s children (named Bliss):*(3)

i Myron W.[10], b. 9 Mar 1908.
ii Gilbert[10].

Notes:
1. Military Record of Freeman Woodman, Military Archives, Washington, DC; a letter from Freeman, Santa Ana, CA, 25 Oct 1921.
2. A letter from Edith Woodman Bliss, 1427 South 14th Avenue, Maywood, IL, 16 Feb 1935.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Florence B.[9] (Freeman[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-29.** Florence B. was born 13 October 1883. She married Stanley W. Merrick 25 June 1902 (perhaps at La Fox, Illinois). In 1921 they lived on a farm in Tunnel, New York.

On 13 October 1989 Florence B. had her 106th birthday. She lived at the Crystal River Geriatric Center and was called the oldest citizen in Citrus County, Florida. This entire piece is written by Florence B.'s daughter, Esther Duncan, as a tribute to her mother.

> Our lives revolved around the farm. My father always seemed to be struggling to make ends meet. Paying the annual mortgage on the New York farm which he and my mother, mid-westerners, had bought on impulse, meant he had to do extra work.
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> I remember him coming home late, after dark, insisting he see his children, even if it meant waking them up. And Mother, bless her, would assent.
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> She would follow him up the stairs into bedrooms that were icy cold, where snow drifted across our beds on stormy nights through cracks in the walls. But how cozy, warm and loved we felt with both our parents there – our father pretending he was a bear and crawling under our beds with threatening growls.
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> Mother always prepared our beds so they were cozy and warm by making several trips up and down the stairs to move the ever-so-hot irons from place to place, finally putting them at our feet, wrapped very carefully, for the night. Snow on the blankets in the morning didn't matter. We didn't think of ourselves as living in sub-housing, of being deprived. Many farmhouses were poorly insulated in those days.
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> Instead, we thought of building snowhouses in banks deep enough that we could actually stand up in them, knowing our mother, busy as she was, would join the fun and maybe bring us our father's favorite buffalo skin lap robe he'd brought back from his one venture out West as a youth.
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> Mother's meals were simple. And mostly the same, breakfast was bowls heaped with old-fashioned oatmeal and lots of milk. I don't recall ever having oranges except on grand occasions when Grandpa Woodman shipped a box from California at Christmas time.
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> For school lunches, Mother filled our tin lard pails with homemade bread sandwiches, over-thick and layered with butter and jelly. Plus a few molasses cookies. Never cake. Never pie. And often one of New York's marvelous apples, the Cortlands or MacIntoshes.
>
> The noon meal was always the big meal – a time when farmers had done half a day's work and faced half a day's more.
>
> At that time the table groaned with food – perhaps pork chops from a freshly-killed hog, veal from a calf, or chicken from a rooster whose spurs had given away his age. Fresh vegetables from the garden or winter-keeping ones from the cellar. Homemade biscuits or muffins and always great slices of Mother's ever so juicy apple or cherry pies. (Where can

one get a piece of pie today with juice oozing on the plate? Today all juice is abominably thickened.)

Our evening meal, called supper, often was creamed dried cod fish that had been soaked, swimming with cut up boiled potatoes. Or great bowls of rice pudding with home-made bread layered with butter and honey.

Hungry youngsters loved it. We never asked for a special dish. We accepted what was put on the table . . . .

Though more frail than ever, and confined more and more to her bed, my mother still manages to occasionally bestow that same smile and deep, intense gaze that beams her love. When bestowed upon me, it is so powerful it is almost a blinding physical blessing.

At such times I feel humbled and ashamed that I don't manage to spend more time with a mother who loves me so much. When she finally is called home. I fear I shall never forgive myself. Even though I know my Mother will.(1)

Florence B. died 20 December 1989.

*Florence's children (named Merrick):*(2)

i Alice Dorothy[10], b. 22 Nov 1903.
ii Wesley B.[10], b. 28 Jul 1906.
iii Oliver E.[10], b. 29 Jul 1908.
iv Esther Virginia[10], b. 14 Feb 1914 at Tunnel, NY; probably married Mr. Duncan.
v Eleanor Westgarth[10], b. 30 May 1915; d. 22 Jun 1915 in Tunnel.
vi Genevieve Eleanor[10], b. 28 Nov 1916, in Tunnel.
vii Robert Stanley[10], b. 13 Jan 1919, in Tunnel.

Notes:

1. Esther Duncan, *Citrus County Health/Seniors, "Still a Caring Mom,"* 10 Oct 1989, from a newspaper in Florida.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; a letter from Florence B. Woodman Merrick, Tunnel, NY, 21 Mar 1921.

**Miriam Eleanor[9] (Ira[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-30.** Miriam Eleanor was born 9 July 1880 at Willow Creek, Nebraska. She received her education in Garden Grove, California.

On 27 November 1902 at Ramona, San Diego County, California, she married Andrew Eugene Sickler who was born 16 February 1880 in Missouri. They spent their first two years in Hollywood, California; in July 1905 they moved to Bieber, Lassen County, California. They returned to Los Angeles until they moved to Merlin, Oregon, in November of 1909.

Miriam Eleanor and Andrew were divorced in 1910 and on 30 June 1913 Miriam E. married James Kelly in Las Vegas, Nevada, where James operated a restaurant. James Kelly was born 9 November 1865 aboard a ship bound from Ireland and two days away from landing. Miriam E. and James left Las Vegas in June 1918 and were living in Los Angeles.(1)

*Miriam E. and Andrew's child (named Sickler):*

i Gerald Eugene[10], b. 5 Sep 1903 in Hollywood, CA. About 1921 he was in training at Camp Sherman, OH.
ii Wesley Robert[10], b. 9 Nov 1918.

Note:

1. An undated letter from Miriam Eleanor Woodman Kelly, Los Angeles, CA, about 1921.

**Ethel[9] (Ira[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-31.** Ethel was born 6 January 1882 near David City, Nebraska. She received her education in Garden Grove, Orange County, California.

On 1 March 1900 she married Edgar Thomas Wehn at Ramona, San Diego County, California. Edgar was born 22 December 1878 in San Francisco, California, the son of Charles Edwin (born San Francisco) and Mary Hatfield (Green) Wehn, born Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Ethel wrote, "My husband is a building contractor. Our home is 2007 Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles, and has been for nineteen years . . . We have watched Los Angeles grow from a small city to a large one. To go for a ride or to spend the day it is a short drive to the beach or mountains . . . My children are all unmarried."(1)

*Ethel's children (named Wehn):*

i Alice Dorothy[10], b. 8 Sep 1900 in Ramona, San Diego Co., CA. In 1921 she was a contomator (sic) operator in the office of Hamburgers Dept. Store.

ii Gladys Adel[10], b. 11 Jan 1902 in Santa Ana, Orange Co., CA. In 1921 she was a typist at the freight office of S.P. Railroad.

iii Raymond Baldwin[10], b. 8 Oct 1903 in Los Angeles. In 1921 he worked with his father.

iv Elmer Charles[10], b. 10 Oct 1908 in Los Angeles, a twin.

v Edgar Thomas[10], b. 10 Oct 1908 in Los Angeles, a twin.

Note:

1. A letter from Ethel Woodman Wehn, 2007 Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 1 Aug 1921.

## Ira Ralph[9] (Ira[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-32.** Ira Ralph was born 1 May 1887 in Garden Grove, Orange County, California. Ira R. attended schools in Garden Grove, Ramona and Oakland, California. His family lived at Garden Grove until he was about thirteen; then they moved to Ramona in San Diego County. Ira wrote:

> My father died when we had been there two years. While at Ramona I finished grammar school and went two years to high school. My schooling since that time has been special courses at business colleges, first in Los Angeles . . . then to Oakland.
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> While my mother was living in Los Angeles I worked in gem mines in eastern San Diego County a few months. In company with three others. I took one prospecting trip out in the Colorado Desert of the Imperial Valley. I rode a burro for about three weeks. That ended my mining career.
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> After working about a year in Los Angeles I went to San Francisco in 1907. I went to work in a boiler distributing plant selling hot water boilers and heaters that were made in the east . . . At different times I covered all the territory around San Francisco Bay . . . A few months after entering the boiler firm I took [an] examination for [the] post office, nearly quitting several times before I finally broke away. One hates to quit a good job for an uncertainty.
>
> I went to the Rogue River Valley in southern Oregon in 1911 . . . and in the fall took a trip of 500 miles across the country in a camp wagon – Oregon to Idaho.

A few months later Ira R. met Alma Edna Flack and married her on Christmas Eve 1912 in Lakeside, California. Alma was born 17 August 1891 at Ramona, California, the daughter of Louis Gwinn and Edna (Todd) Flack.

After a short stay in Las Vegas, Ira R. and Alma E. went to Modesto, California, in 1915. In 1921 Ira R. wrote, "We have a peach orchard and a herd of Jersey cows. Our place is just a mile from the city limits of Modesto, a city of 15,000. Modesto is a three hours run by auto from San Francisco and is in the heart of 400,000 irrigated acres" (the 1990 estimated population of Modesto is 151,900). Ira R. wrote that he weighed 145 pounds, was 5 feet 7-3/4 inches with a fair complexion. He said he was a member of the I.O.O.F., the First Methodist Episcopal Church and a Republican.(1)

*Ira R.'s child:*

i June[10], b. 2 Jun 1921 – an adopted daughter.

Note:

1. A letter from Ira R., 964 Eddy Street, San Francisco, CA, 8 May 1911; undated biography form and letters 28 Jul and 15 Aug 1921, Route B. Box 77, Modesto, CA.

## Daniel William[9] (Ira[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-33.** Daniel W. was born 15 August 1892 at Garden Grove, California. He wrote:

> The first incident of my life that I remember was my first pair of long pants. The memory of that day will never be forgotten.
>
> At the age of four, I had a battle with a monster hawk which I killed with my bare hands, but I looked as if I had been through a sausage mill.
>
> At the age of nine we moved into the mountain 45 miles from San Diego and it was 18 miles from a railroad and a hunter's paradise. I spent six happy years with my dog and gun as constant companions.
>
> Two years later after we moved there, my father died. In 1906 we moved to Los Angeles where I went to work to help support the family as my oldest brother had gotten married. I worked with the Cudahy Meat Packing Company for a year, then went into the butcher business with my oldest brother at Lakeside, California, where I had a battle with a boar hog which nearly caused me to lose a leg.
>
> I later joined the American Film Company, acting for motion pictures. Was with them three years and a half at Lakeside, one year at La Mesa, California, and a year and a half at Santa Barbara, California.

On 9 August 1912 at Santa Barbara, Daniel W. married Edna Jane Jones of La Mesa. Edna was born 12 March 1892 at Rosmont (Rosemount?), Ohio, the adopted daughter of D.M. and Margaret (Davis) Jones. In a short time they went to Victoria and Vancouver in Canada.

Daniel returned to Los Angeles, once again working for Cudahy – this time for four years, before he was transferred to their San Diego branch where he spent two years. In September of 1919 Daniel returned to Los Angeles where in January of 1921 he opened a refreshment stand downtown. Daniel W. wrote that he was 6 feet tall, weighed 190 pounds and had a light complexion. He added that he was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.(1)

*Daniel W.'s children:*

i Barbara Almeen[10], b. 7 Dec 1913 in San Diego.

ii Lucille[10], b. 5 Mar 1916 in Los Angeles.

Note:

1. A biography form and undated letter from Daniel W. Woodman. Probably 1921.

## Flora May[9] (Ira[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-34.** Flora May was born 2 April 1897 in Garden Grove, California, and attended schools in Los Angeles. She married Thomas Crump Price in Los Angeles 2 September 1920. Thomas was born 6 November 1895 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of Isaac and _____ (Crump) Price. Tom's mother died when he was eleven and he became very close to his mother's sister.

Flora M. and Tom had known each other for some time before they married. "Before the war," wrote Flora, "we both worked in the same office of the Salt Lake R.R. for several years – but the bashfulness of youth seemed to prevent our becoming friends. But after the war things had changed. His experiences seemed to have developed a fearlessness of all things. Consequently – we are married – and lived happy ever after."

Tom enlisted for service in World War I on 6 November 1917 on his twenty-second birthday becoming a member of Company L, 315 Infantry 79th Division. He went to France 9 July 1918 where his unit was engaged in terrible battle. "The boat the 79th Division was on," wrote Flora M., "arrived in home port on 29 May 1919 in time for the Memorial Day Parade. They received many honors for their bravery 'over there.' Although most of the original 315 Infantry never returned to the USA, Tom came home without a scratch and was discharged 5 June 1919 in good health."

Flora M. said she was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She described herself as 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 135 pounds, with blonde hair. In 1921 they lived at 1918-1/2 Pennsylvania Avenue in Los Angeles.(1)

*Flora M.'s child (named Price):*

i Adel Ruth[10], b. 15 Sep 1921.

Note:

1. An undated biography form from Flora M. Woodman Price, 1918-1/2 Pennsylvania Avenue, Los Angeles, CA; a postcard from Caroline Adel Woodman, Los Angeles, CA, 9 Dec 1921.

**Anna Edith Chaffee[9] (Sarah Elizabeth Woodman Chaffee[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-35.** Anna Edith was born 17 March 1867 (this date is probably wrong) at Campton, Illinois. She married James William Leay (sic) 22 February 1894. She lived at Long Beach, California.(1)

*Anna's children (named Leay):*

i James Harold[10], b. 21 (or 27 Dec 1894 at Lily Lake, IL.

ii Helen Margaret[10], b. 25 Apr 1897 at Lily Lake, IL.

iii Mervyn Everett[10], b. 23 May 1900 at Evanston, IL.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Everett Simon Chaffee[9] (Sarah Elizabeth Woodman Chaffee[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-36.** Everett Simon Chaffee was born 20 February 1872 at Campton, Illinois. He married Angie L. Garfield 18 November 1901. He was a merchant at Wessington, South Dakota and died 27 May 1919.(1)

*Everett S.'s children (named Chaffee):*

i Paul Robert[10], b. 2 Sep 1902.

ii Julian Ray[10], b. 27 Jul 1904.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1908.

**Grace Harriett Chaffee[9] (Sarah Elizabeth Woodman Chaffee[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-37.** Grace Harriett was born 27 August 1877 at Campton, Illinois. She married William De Estine Finn 4 June 1901. She lived at LaFox, Illinois.(1)

*Grace's children (named Finn):*

i Walton Chaffee[10], b. 14 May 1904.

ii Mildred Ruth[10], b. 18 Jun 1899 (sic).

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1908.

**Earle Gardner Chaffee[9] (Sarah Elizabeth Woodman Chaffee[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-38.** Earle Gardner was born 8 September 1881 at Campton, Illinois. He married Avice (sic) Peterson 22 October 1903. Earle had an auto garage in Long Beach, California.(1)

*Earle G.'s child (named Chaffee):*

i Ona Noreen[10], b. 10 Mar 1907.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1908.

**Mabel Edna Chaffee[9] (Sarah Elizabeth Woodman Chaffee[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-39.** Mabel Edna was born 5 June 1886 in Campton, Illinois. On 17 August 1904 she married Walter W. Read. She lived in Santa Ana, California.(1)

*Mabel E.'s children (named Read):*

i Charles Chaffee[10], b. 19 May 1905 at Lily Lake, IL.

ii Maurice Wilson[10], b. 1 Mar 1908 at Garden Grove, CA.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**George Davis[9] (Joseph Gardner[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-40.** George Davis was born 13 February 1882 at Davis Junction, Illinois, and received his education in the public schools of Chicago.

On 24 November 1904 George D. married Mary Lay at Cleveland, Ohio. Mary was born 3 April 1884 at Sandusky, Ohio, the daughter of J. and Mary Yrckle (sic).

In 1921 George D. wrote that he had lived eight years in Sandusky and had been in Toledo, Ohio, for eleven years. He described himself as 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed 180 pounds with a dark complexion. George Davis said he was a Mason, and a Presbyterian, but that he belonged to no particular political party. That year he lived at 1230 Mason Street in Toledo.

On 19 April 1940 George Davis died in St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. The next day *The New York Times* called him "a veteran Toledo grain man and former president of the Toledo Board of Trade . . . Mr. Woodman . . . was employed for a time as grain inspector for the Armour Grain Co. of Chicago. His father was grain inspector for the Chicago Board of Trade for many years. He leaves a widow and two sons."(1)

*George D.'s children – born at Sandusky:*

i Kenneth[10], b. 23 Aug 1905.

ii Paul[10], b. 28 Jun 1907.

Note:
1. Letters from Joseph Gardner Woodman, Morrill, NE, 29 Apr 1921 and 8 May 1921; an undated biography form from Harold Joseph Woodman, 1921; *The New York Times,* 20 Apr 1940.

**Frederick Pierce Morrison[9] (Charlotte M. Russell Morrison[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-41.** Frederick Pierce was born 1 June 1860. He married Margaret Frances Meyers 20 July 1884. He was a plumber at San Rafael, California.(1)

*Frederick Pierce's child (named Morrison):*

**10-10** i Willis Wesley[10], b. 23 Sep 1887.

Note:
1. Mrs. Florence Russell Glynn with an update 28 Dec 1921, Plymouth, NH.

**Anna Isabelle Morrison[9] (Charlotte M. Russell Morrison[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-42.** Anna Isabelle was born 27 January 1863. On Christmas Eve of 1884 she married Frederick Barney Lord. They lived in Tilton, New Hampshire.(1)

*Anna I.'s child (named Lord):*

i Raymond[10], b. 24 Mar 1900 – an adopted son.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn with an update 28 Dec 1921, Plymouth, NH.

**Willis Russell Morrison[9] (Charlotte M. Russell Morrison[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-43.** Willis Russell was born 21 October 1872. He married Pearl Boucher 7 February 1893. He was a printer in Tilton, New Hampshire.

*Willis R.'s child (named Morrison):*

i Charles Newton[10], b. 26 Aug 1894.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Clara Winifred Russell[9] (John Marshall Russell[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-44.** Clara Winifred was born 15 May 1868. She married James Byron Philbrick 15 May 1889 and lived in Campton, New Hampshire.(1)

*Clara W.'s child (named Philbrick):*

**10-11** i Addie Ethel[10], b. 18 Mar 1890 in Campton, NH.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Mabel Clair Russell[9] (William A. Russell[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-45.** Mabel Clair was born 27 September 1879 at Plymouth, NH. On 22 October 1902 she married Loomis E. Doty and lived in Lincoln, NE.(1)

*Mabel C.'s child (named Doty):*

i Russell E.[10], b. 18 Dec 1906.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Lela May Elliott[9] (Armenah H. Russell Elliott[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-46.** Lela May was born 6 October 1872. On 14 June 1899 she married Raymond Lester Everett of Manchester, New Hampshire. Lela M. lived in Campton, New Hampshire.

*Lela May's child (named Everett):*

i Dorothy[10], Florence Russell Glynn wrote in 1921, "Dorothy graduates with honors [the underscoring is Florence's] from Radcliffe this next June. Radcliffe is the women's part of Harvard College."(1)

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Harriette Marguerite Draper[9] (Harriette Cora Russell Draper[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-47.** Harriette Marguerite was born 17 July 1889. Following an education at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, she married Walter Blair Adams of Plymouth, New Hampshire, on 5 June 1912.(1)

*Harriette M.'s children – all born in East Orange, New Jersey (named Adams):*

i George Draper[10], b. 8 Mar 1913; d. 27 Jan 1914.
ii Walter Blair, Jr.[10], b. 17 Nov 1914.
iii Jean[10], b. 18 Jun 1919.

Note:
1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Leon Astor[9] (Jacob Astor[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-48.** Leon Astor was born 3 March 1876 in Bridgewater, New Hampshire.(1) He married Ada Lisette Tilton in Bristol, New Hampshire, on Christmas Eve of 1894. She was born in Bristol 6 March 1878, the daughter of George Scott and Dora (Heath) Tilton.

It is said that Leon was a farmer in Bridgewater until 1894 when he became a job teamster in Bristol. In 1921 his daughter, Olive E., wrote that Leon got home from his work only once a week. She described her father as 5 feet 6 inches tall with dark skin, brown hair and blue eyes.

*Leon's children – all born in Bristol:*(2)

i Olive Eldora[10], b. 27 May 1896. In 1921 Olive E. wrote, "I have been burnt quite badly so have not been able to write before. I burnt my right arm and will carry a scar for the rest of my days, I think.

"None of our family have ever been married," she added. "I suppose we all ought to be but I guess we are in no hurry to be caught for then your play time is over and you have to settle down which means we think there is time enough to get married a little later."

ii Arthur Astor[10], was b. 15 Oct 1897. His sister Olive E. wrote, "My brother was not old enough to join the Army so was not in the war. He joined as soon as he was [old enough] . . . he started from New York 25 Dec 1919 . . . and is now in the 16 Cavalry Band, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He now has a discharge and will be home soon."

Olive E. described Arthur A. as 5 feet 6 inches tall with dark brown hair and blue eyes.

**10-12** iii Gladys Ada[10], b. 28 Apr 1899.
iv Donald Leon[10], b. 12 Jun 1902; d. 25 Sep 1903.
v Robert Austin[10], b. 23 Dec 1903; d. 22 Apr 1906.

vi Harry Lyman[10], b. 23 Feb 1905.
vii Dorothy Heath[10], b. 8 Aug 1910.
viii Harriet Mary[10], b. 15 Aug 1912.
ix Leon Astor, Jr.[10], b. 12 Oct 1914.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records; letter from Olive E. Woodman, Box 29, Bristol, NH, 26 Jul 1921.
2. Letters from Olive E. Woodman, 26 Jul, 11 Sep and a postcard 16 Aug all in 1921; Richard W. Musgrove, *History of Bristol, NH,* 1904, p. 464; International Genealogical Index, LDS Record, Salt Lake City, UT.

## Clarissa Mandana (Clara)[9] (Jacob Astor[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-49.** Clarissa Mandana was called "Clara" by her family. She was born 1 April 1878 in Bridgewater, New Hampshire.(1) On 4 April 1896, in Laconia, New Hampshire, Clara married a painter named Elmer Orange Young who was born in Coaticook, Quebec, Canada 28 April 1868.

Clara wrote, "We came West 25 May 1910 to Helena, Montana, and lived there until 1914. Then we moved out here to Seattle." Clara described herself as 5 feet 4 inches tall with brown eyes and black hair. In 1921 they were living there at 2309 2nd Avenue.(2)

*Clara's child (named Young):*

**10-13** i Pearl Natalie[10], b. 19 Feb 1897.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records found in Cemetery Records at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
2. A letter from Clara Woodman Young, 2309 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA, 3 Oct 1921.

## Cora May[9] (Jacob Astor[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-50.** Cora May was born 16 March 1880 in Bridgewater, New Hampshire. She married Fred Cass 3 February 1904. Fred was born 5 December 1879.

Tragically, Cora May died 4 May 1919 of influenza at the age of thirty-nine, leaving four young children – the eldest twelve, the youngest two. Her sister Clara said that Cora May was 5 feet 4 inches tall with blue eyes and light brown hair.

Olive Eldora Woodman wrote, "Aunt Cora left four children – two girls, two boys . . . The children are all scattered now. A boy [unnamed] and girl [Ida F.] with Aunt Mary Woodman Plummer (in Sanbornville, New Hampshire in 1921)." While the family was gathering information for their biography they were shocked to learn that Fred had just died also and was buried 3 September 1921. He would have been only forty-two years old. Now their children were without parents. The family had lived at Plymouth, New Hampshire.(1)

*Cora May's children (named Cass):*

i Clayton J.[10], b. 22 May 1905.
ii Ida F.[10], b. 30 Mar 1907. After her mother died she lived with her Aunt Mary Woodman Plummer in Sanbornville, NH.
iii Mary June[10], b. 22 May 1912. In October of 1921 she was living with her father's parents who were probably in Plymouth, NH.
iv Milton Percy[10], b. 23 Jun 1917.

Note:
1. Letter from Clara Woodman Young, 2309 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA, 3 Oct 1921; letters from Olive E. Woodman, Bristol, NH, 26 Jul and 11 Sep 1921; letter from Mary Woodman Plummer, Sanbornville, NH, 4 Oct 1921.

**Mary Agnes[9] (Jacob Astor[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-51.** Mary Agnes was born 15 October 1886 in Bridgewater, New Hampshire. On 28 October 1907 she married John William Plummer who was born 20 September 1883.

In 1921 Mary A. lived in Sanbornville, New Hampshire, and had taken two of her sister Cora Cass' orphaned children to raise – a son and the daughter, Ida F. It is likely Mary Agnes had great pity for those children as her own mother had died when she was two months old.(1)

Mary A. was living in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, when her Uncle Lyman B. died, leaving her $1000.00.(2)

Mary A.'s sister Clara wrote that Mary A. was 5 feet 4 inches tall with brown hair and eyes.

*Mary A.'s child (named Plummer):*

i John William Plummer, Jr.[10], b. 5 Dec 1914.

Notes:
1. A letter from Mary A. Woodman Plummer, Sanbornville, NH, 4 Oct 1921.
2. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #12-044.

**Joseph Earle[9] (Charles Sumner[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-52.** Joseph Earle was born 15 August 1880 in Elburn, Illinois.(1) On 16 October 1905 he married Maude Caswell of Richmond, Quebec. She was born in Windsor Mills, Quebec.

In 1921 Joseph E. lived in Ashland, New Hampshire; when he inherited $2000.00 from his Uncle Lyman B. in 1926, he lived in Plymouth, New Hampshire.(2)

*Joseph E.'s child:*

i Forrest Earle[10], b. 21 Apr 1907. Forrest is said to have lived in Torrington, CT.(3)

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #12-044.
3. A letter from George B. Woodman, 80 Woodland, Rd., Short Hills, NJ, 9 Feb 1987.

**Florence Evelyn[9] (Corydon Edward[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-53.** Florence Evelyn was born 22 December 1891 in Millbury, Massachusetts, a graduate of Millbury High School. On 23 October 1912 she married Harry Bigelow Horne. Harry B. was born 15 May 1884, the son of William E. and Mary S. Horne, owners of William E. Horne & Sons, dealers in meats, groceries, ice, wood, and grain in Millbury.(1)

*Florence E.'s child (named Horne):*

i Evelyn Ruth[10], b. 12 Nov 1913.

Note:
1. Letter from Corydon Edward Woodman, 430 Main St., Pawtucket, RI, 10 Aug 1921.

**Ethel May[9] (Corydon Edward[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-54.** Ethel May was born 18 January 1892 and graduated from Millbury High School and Worcester Normal School. On 14 September 1914 she married Clifford Arthur Stoughton, the son of Charles Samuel and Clare Elvira Stoughton of Worcester, Massachusetts. Clifford, a musician who played the cello was surely a choice who pleased his music-loving father-in-law.(1)

*Ethel May's child (named Stoughton):*

i Shirley Virginia[10], b. 8 Dec 1920 perhaps in Worcester, MA.

Note:
1. A letter from Corydon Edward Woodman, 480 Main St., Pawtucket, RI, 10 Aug 1921.

**Maud Edith[9] (Corydon Edward[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

9-55. Maud Edith was born 8 May 1894. She graduated from Millbury High School in Millbury, Massachusetts, and from the Phoenix Commercial Institute of Worcester, Massachusetts.

On 3 August 1918 she married Gustave William Philblade, the son of Carl and Emily Philblade of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Maud's father Corydon E. wrote, "He [Gustave] was in the Navy, joining at the age of 16 at Boston, Massachusetts. He served on the S. S. New Hampshire, I think, and was on the tour of the world which our fleet made during the Roosevelt Administration [Teddy Roosevelt]. He served four years and four months. It was while in the Navy he contracted the sickness which was the result [sic] of his death.

"On being discharged from the Navy," Corydon continued, "he worked as watchman in the Navy yard, where he was for about two years regaining his health. While there, he also took a government course in lead-burning for which volunteers were asked for at that time at the beginning of the World War and he was still following this trade at the time of his death."

Gustave died in Worcester, Massachusetts 16 November 1920.(1)

*Maude Edith's child (named Philblade):*

i June Emily[10], b. 29 Jun 1919 in Natick, MA.

Note:

1. A letter from Corydon Edward Woodman, 430 Main St., Pawtucket, RI, 10 Aug 1921.

**Charles Lorenzo[9] (Austin Wallace[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

9-56. Charles Lorenzo was born 16 July 1896 in Plymouth, New Hampshire. He was called "Ren," a nickname derived from his Grandfather French's name "Lorenzo." Charles L. wrote, "My brother Roger and I were students at the University of Maine when we entered the first World War. We both enlisted . . . he went into the Navy and I into the Army – the 103rd Infantry, 26th (Yankee) Division . . . After discharge in April of 1919, I worked around Plymouth during the summer and returned to college in the fall. Majored in forestry. I went to work for the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources, and labored with them for forty years, retiring in 1962 as a Bureau Chief.

"Arabella Marguerite Merrill and I were married 8 August 1921 in Plymouth," Charles continued. "Our honeymoon was spent overnite at the Center Harbor, New Hampshire Inn. The next day we went back to work. This was NOT a shotgun wedding. We had been going together for nine years."

They lived in Oxford, Massachusetts for twenty-five years, Charles being a member of the fire department during the entire time – fifteen of those years he was the Chief. "While in Oxford," Charles L. wrote, "I founded the Blackstone Valley Forest Wardens Association and it is still going strong."

Charles L. retired in Meredith, New Hampshire, in 1962. "Since then," Charles L. said, "I have not taken to the rocking chair. For a time after coming to Meredith I worked for an engineer doing boundary surveys and laying out house lots. The engineer died several years ago so I assumed the life of a country gentleman.

"I am a 60-year-plus member of the American Legion; a 60-year-plus member of the Society of American Forester; almost a 60-year member of the Masonic Fraternity; a member of the Society for the protection of New Hampshire Forest; for several years a Director of the Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club and a member of the Meredith Conservation Commission. While my wife was alive we belonged to the Meredith Historical Society and the Meredith 50-Plus Club."

Charles L., like his father, enjoyed the outdoors. "For physical activities I enjoy fishing,

hunting and playing golf. These things in season, of course. Golf is difficult with two feet of snow on the fairway. I could regale you for hours with my experiences hunting and fishing – and the short putts I have missed."

In 1987, Charles wrote, "We stayed married for over sixty-three years until she passed away 8 November 1984." It is impossible to imagine Charles L.'s loss. He and Marguerite had been friends for seventy-two years and mates for sixty-three! That is longer than many of us have lived. She is buried in the family plot in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Charles stayed on in their home, caring for the house and yard, but he missed Marguerite terribly. His daughter and her family retired in his town and Charles L. was grateful. "It breaks up my lonesomeness," he said, "and my sorrow."(1)

It is Charles Lorenzo who got the ancient sword which has been passed through this family, probably from Jonathan[5] of Durham, New Hampshire. "It has come down thru the years by word of mouth," wrote Charles Lorenzo, "that Captain Jonathan served in the Army at Bunker Hill. What has come down is the sword that he carried in this battle. My first recollection of it was when I was a little boy and my father Austin W. Woodman had it. When my father died it was given to me. A few years ago I gave it to my son . . . The history of that sword is rather dim," he added. "How to verify it, I don't know."

In the winter of 1990-91 Charles wrote that he had an operation and would spend the winter with his daughter Betty. He did not say he was dying of cancer. Betty wrote, "He is the first to remind me that he has had a long and full life doing all the things he loves most."(4)

Charles L. died 7 March 1991.

*Charles L.'s children:*(5)

**10-14** i Charles Austin[10].

**10-15** ii Robert Foss[10], b. 1928.

**10-16** iii Elizabeth[10].

Notes:

1. A letter from Charles Lorenzo Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH 03253, 16 Feb 1987.
2. Ibid., and a letter 4 Nov 1988.
3. *History of Durham, NH*, Vol. I, pp. 118-125; Strafford Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Dover, NH, 40:234, 52:423, 64:290.
4. Letter from Elizabeth (Betty) Bjerklie, Box 874, Meredith, NH 03253.
5. Letters from Charles Lorenzo 16 Feb 1987 and 25 Mar 1987; letter from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049.

## Roger French[9] (Austin Wallace[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-57.** Roger French was born 13 April 1898 in Plymouth, New Hampshire. He and his brother Charles L. were students at the University of Maine when World War I started. Roger F. enlisted in the Navy. Following his discharge he returned to the university and graduated with a major in forestry. After working in forestry a couple of years he became a salesman for the Draper-Maynard and White Mountain Manufacturing Company.

In 1924 he married Clara Meredith Smith at Clara's sisters' house in Pepperell, Massachusetts. Clara was born 10 November 1900 in Concord, New Hampshire, the daughter of Charles William and Clara Margarete Sophia (Wennberg) Smith. By 1910 the Smiths were in Hollis, New Hampshire, where Clara attended school until she enrolled at the University of New Hampshire in Durham from which she graduated in 1921 and where she surely met her future husband. Clara taught school in Ashland, New Hampshire, until her marriage.

In 1942 Roger F. and Clara moved to Weston, Massachusetts, and Roger served on the War Production Board in Boston during World War II. Thereafter, he became a salesman with Field

Machinery for "Ramset," a powder-actuated construction tool, where he worked until he retired.

Roger F., his brother Charles, and their father, were active outdoorsmen. Roger F. was an enthusiastic golfer who hunted and fished. He so enjoyed skiing he, for several years, coached the Plymouth, New Hampshire High School ski team for interscholastic ski championships. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for fifty years!

His daughter Nancy wrote, "[He] generally accepted the fact that his only child was a girl! My father used to take me swimming in the lakes and rivers," she continued. "Took me skiing (tho I much preferred to skate); took me fishing on occasion (tho I wasn't really fond of it). He tried to teach me to play golf, but I thought it was hilarious and generally dissolved in laughter. He taught me to drive when I was 13; we would go up to the fairground in West Plymouth and drive around the race track.

"He was away from home a lot," Nancy continued, "as his travels as a salesman took him on long trips, but he was always there for me when I needed him.

"He possessed an artistic talent," Nancy said, "in his retirement years he sketched a lot, in both pencil and charcoal. (This talent has come down through me to my daughter, Elizabeth)," Nancy concluded.

Roger French died 3 August 1979 and is buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth with his parents, brothers, and a sister-in-law, a place where all of this family will be buried.

Clara lives on. In 1991 she lived in the Hunt Community in Nashua, New Hampshire.(1)

*Roger F.'s child:*

**10-17** i Nancy[10], b. 8 Feb 1928.

Note:

1. A letter from Charles L. Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH, 16 Feb 1987; letters from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049, 4 Sep 1986, 9 and 27 Oct 1986, 19 Feb 1988, and 7 Mar 1991.

### Irving L. Gibbs[9] (Annette Grover Gibbs[8], Elizabeth Woodman Grover[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-58.** Irving L. was born 26 October 1876. He married Ada M. Gibbs 9 September 1895. In 1921 he was a farmer in Brooks, Maine.

*Irving's children (named Gibbs):*(1)

i Herman[10].
ii Clifton[10].
iii Millard[10].
iv Norman[10].
v Elva Maude[10].

Note:

1. Letter from Ernest E. Gibbs, Saco, ME, 6 Aug 1921.

### Charles W. Gibbs[9] (Annette Grover Gibbs[8], Elizabeth Woodman Grover[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-59.** Charles W. was born 3 September 1878. He married Ethelyn Grover, who died in February 1917 of cancer. In 1921 Charles was a farmer and butcher at Brooks, Maine.(1)

*Charles' child (named Gibbs):*

i Filice Sibil[10].

Note:

1. A letter from Ernest E. Gibbs, Saco, ME, 6 Aug 1921.

**John Leslie Randall[9] (Laura Abbie Chesley Randall[8], Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-60.** John Leslie was born 8 June 1883. He attended New Hampshire College where he received an M.S. in 1906. He married Bernice Lang of Lee, New Hampshire, on 26 June 1906.(1)

*John Leslie's child (named Randall):*

i John Leslie, Jr.[10], b. 2 Aug 1910.

Note:
1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 75.

**Charles Wilbur Manock[9] (Mary Addie Chesley Manock[8], Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-61.** Charles Wilbur was born 8 December 1883; married first, Cora Kelley of Lynn, Massachusetts. She died in 1921. He married second wife, Ellen Gowen. Charles was an electrical engineer in Harrison, New Jersey in 1921.(1)

*Charles and Cora's child (named Manock):*

i Alice Margery[10], b. 17 Jul 1910, at Bristol, CT.

*Charles and Ellen's children (named Manock):*

ii Adelaide[10].
iii Wilbur Charles[10].
iv Frances Delmon[10].

Note:
1. Letter from Mary Addie Chesley Manock, Pittsfield, ME, 12 Nov 1921.

**Helen Margery Manock[9] (Mary Addie Chesley Manock[8], Margery Steele Woodman Chesley[7], Moses[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-62.** Helen Margery was born 18 December 1889; married Edward Foster Devlin of New York City, 22 December 1913. Helen was a student for three years at Teachers College Music Department, Columbia University.(1)

*Helen's children (named Devlin):*

i Angela Manock[10], b. 12 Jan 1915.
ii Margery Chesley[10], b. 8 Jul 1919.
iii Edward Foster, Jr.[10], b. 27 Nov 1920.

Note:
1. A letter from Mary Addie Manock, Pittsfield, ME, 12 Nov 1921.

**Frank Albert[9] (George Albert[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-63.** Frank Albert was born 19 July 1879 in Amesbury, Massachusetts.(1) He was an engineer living in Newton, Massachusetts, when he went up to Boston to marry Lucy Ruth McGrath on 14 January 1906. Called "Lauretta" by her mother-in-law, Lucy Ruth, a Boston stenographer, was born 23 October 1877 or 1878 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, the daughter of John and Ellen (Scott) McGrath.(2) When Frank A.'s Uncle Charles A. died in Lee, New Hampshire, in 1939, he lived in Waban (sic) Massachusetts.(3) Frank A. died 28 December 1943 and was buried in the Lee Hill Cemetery, Lee.

In 1953 Ruth Woodman of Waltham, Massachusetts, and St. Petersburg, Florida, was named

in Lenna A. Woodman's will. Ruth signed a receipt for the legacy and called herself Mrs. Frank Woodman. (Lenna A. was the never-married daughter of George Albert's brother, Leroy W.)(4)

Lauretta R. lived thirty-one years longer than Frank A., dying 9 Jan 1974. She is buried beside him.(5)

*Frank A.'s child:*

**10-18** i George Scott[10], b. 3 Aug 1907.

Notes:

1. Massachusetts Vital Records, Boston, MA Births 1879, Amesbury, MA, 304:163.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, Marriages 1906, Newton, MA, 563:628; letters from Sarah E. Woodman.
3. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #A1089.
4. Ibid., Docket #A6694.
5. A report from Bob Giddings Kimball, Epping, NH.

## Charles Walker[9] (George Albert[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-64.** Charles Walker was born 10 April 1887 in Amesbury, Massachusetts.(1) He married Elsie H. Fernald in Lee, New Hampshire, 30 December 1912. She was born 19 November 1892 in Haverhill, Massachusetts, the daughter of Daniel and Marie P. (Heaton) Fernald. Marie was born in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1921 Charles lived at 72 Forrest Street, Watertown, Massachusetts; he was in Claremont, New Hampshire, when he inherited $2,658.72 from his Uncle Charles A.(2) Elsie H. probably died in Claremont in 1969.

*Charles W.'s children:*(3)

**10-19** i Kenneth Heaton[10], b. 24 Aug 1914.

ii Charles Robert[10], b. 30 Mar 1916 in Nashua, NH.(4)

iii Donald Otis[10], b. 1 Feb 1918 at 34 Wilmont St., Watertown, MA.(5) He probably m. Florence Speck.

iv Dana Gould[10], b. 14 Jun 1920 in Waltham Hospital.(6) I think he m. Glenna H. first and second Charlotte Dole.

v Lawrence F.[10], probably m. Edith Reagan. In 1985 he lived in Claremont, NH.

vi Gordon F.[10], probably m. Virginia Hood. In 1985 he lived in North Charlestown, MA.

vii Dexter C.[10], probably m. Mary Murphy. In 1985 he lived in Coventry, CT.

Notes:

1. Massachusetts Vital Records, Boston, MA, Births 1887, Amesbury, MA, 376:216; letters from Susan E. Woodman, 52 Institution Ave., Newton Center, MA, 19 May 1921.
2. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Docket #A1089.
3. Notes from Gretchen D. Woodman, R#3, Box 406, Red Water Brook Rd., Claremont, NH 03743, 25 Apr 1988; obituary of Kenneth H. Woodman, *Valley News,* W. Lebanon, NH, 22 Mar 1985.
4. New Hampshire Vital Records.
5. Massachusetts Vital Records, Boston, MA, Births 1918, Watertown, MA 134:1.
6. Massachusetts Vital Records, Boston, MA, Births 1920, Watertown, MA, 142:400.

## Alta Maud Jones[9] (Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-65.** Alta Maud was born 27 February 1874. She married Charles Page of Dover, New Hampshire, 19 April 1893. Maud inherited from her Uncle Otis E. in 1908, at which time she was living in Boston, Massachusetts. By 1921 she was probably living in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was living in Lee, New Hampshire, in 1939 when her Uncle Charles A. died, leaving her $2,658.73. Alta Maud also lived in Dover, Exeter, and Kensington – all in New Hampshire.(1)

*Maud's children (named Page):*(2)

**10-20** i Marion Pearl[10], b. 18 Aug 1895.

**10-21** ii Leona Maud[10], b. 30 Apr 1898.

Note:

1. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Dockets #X863 and A1089.
2. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988; Biography from Maud's brother Walter Jones, Lee, NH probably 1921.

**Walter W. Jones[9] (Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-66.** Walter W. (Rube) was born 17 January 1879. A farmer in Lee, New Hampshire, he married Mrs. Lydia (Lida?) Brown Lane of Barrington, New Hampshire, 14 June 1913. Lydia was the widow of William Lane of Lee.(1)

*Walter W.'s child (named Jones):*

**10-22** i Bern Joseph Alphonso[10], b. 15 Jun 1916.

Note:

1. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #X863; an undated biography from Walter W. Jones.

**Addie A. Mathes[9] (John Adams Mathes[8], Sarah Woodman Mathes[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-67.** Addie A. was born 11 December 1866 in Dover, New Hampshire. She married Charles A. Tuttle in Newmarket, New Hampshire, 10 June 1885. In 1921 Addie and Charles A. Tuttle lived in Anaconda, Montana and Hollywood, California.(1)

*Addie A.'s child (named Tuttle):*

i Marjorie[10], b. 22 Nov 1890. She m. Johannes Leembruggen 5 Jun 1919. They have a son. In 1921 they lived in Hollywood, CA.

Note:

1. An unsigned, undated biography, probably from Myra I. Mathes Blanchard, 476 Westford St., Lowell, MA.

**Beatrice M. Wiesner[9] (Minnetta M. Woodman Wiesner[8], True William[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-68.** Beatrice Minnetta Wiesner married J. Ludger Rainville 5 September 1910.(1)

*Beatrice Minnetta's child (named Rainville):*

i Doris Minnetta[10], b. 31 Aug 1911.

Note:

1. A letter from Minnetta M. Wiesner, Somersworth, NH, 22 Sep 1921.

**Mora Madelyn Adams[9] (Lettie Lester Woodman Adams[8], True William[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-69.** Mora Madelyn was born in 1894. She married Joseph Agnew.(1)

*Mora M.'s children (named Agnew):*

i Bernon[10], b. Mar 1916.

ii Richard[10], b. 1918.

iii Elenor[10], b. 1920.

Note:

1. From Susan Woodman, 102 S. Locust, Dover, NH, probably 1921.

**Mabel[9] (William Brewster[8], James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-70.** Mabel was born 4 March 1878. She married F. G. Phegley. In 1921 she lived at 1280 E. 14th, Cleveland, Ohio.(1)

*Mabel's child (named Phegley):*

i Myrtle[10].

Note:
1. An undated note from William Brewster Woodman who probably lived at 3421 Walnut St. in Chicago, IL.

**Jessie[9] (William Brewster[8], James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-71.** Jessie was born in Chicago 7 July 1886. She married H. N. McEwen. In 1921 she lived in Oak Park, Illinois.(1)

*Jessie's child (named McEwen):*

i Herbert[10].

Note:
1. An undated note from William Brewster Woodman who probably lived at 3421 Walnut St. in Chicago, IL.

**Florence[9] (William Brewster[8], James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-72.** Florence was born in Chicago 8 May 1889. She married James Taylor. In 1921 she lived at 131 S. Austin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.(1)

*Florence's child (named Taylor):*

i Florence[10].

Note:
1. An undated note from William Brewster Woodman who probably lived at 3421 Walnut St. in Chicago, IL.

**Donald Brewster[9] (Charles M.[8], James Monroe[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-73.** Donald Brewster was born 19 June 1893 in Chicago. He married Lillian A. Schell there 3 August 1914. Lillian was the daughter of Anna and George Schell. Like his father, he belonged to the Normal Park Lodge #797. Donald B. was said to be a Republican with liberal views toward religion. He was 5 feet 11 inches tall with a blond complexion, weighing 140 pounds. Two of his addresses in 1921 were 6639 Greenwood, Chicago, and 7808 South Park Avenue.(1)

*Donald B.'s child:*

i Charles Brewster[10], b. 26 December 1915.

Note:
1. Undated biography form probably from Charles M. Woodman; letters from Mrs. Charles M. Woodman, 6808 Normal Blvd., Chicago, IL, 20 May 1921 and 8 Aug 1921.

**Florence Watier[9] (Evangeline Woodman Watier[8], John Edgeley[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-74.** Florence was born 7 February 1902. On 14 January 1919 she married a Frenchman named Joseph Beauchamp who was a Marine in World War I. In 1921 they lived in Chicago.(1)

*Florence's child (named Beauchamp):*

i June Rose[10], b. 6 Jun 1920.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from Sally Emma Smelzer, 2218 Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL.

**Charles Davis[9] (Emeline C. Woodman Davis[8], Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-75.** Charles married Hattie Cross.

*Charles' children (named Davis):*(1)

i Edmond[10], was an electrician; d. in 1910, leaving a wife and three children.

ii Harry[10], m.; had two children. In 1921 he was a dentist in Portland (probably OR).

Note:

1. Letter from Martha E. Davis, 230 Clinton St., San Francisco, CA, 4 Oct 1921; letter from Charles F. Sargent, Bay Street Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 1921.

**Hattie Martha Sargent[9] (Harriet Cilley Woodman Sargent[8], Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-76.** Hattie Martha, born 8 January 1849, married John A. Hall of Burnham Junction, Maine, on 25 May 1875 at Lawrence, Massachusetts. Hattie lived on RFD, Burnham, Maine, in 1921.

*Hattie's children (named Hall):*(1)

i Otis Lorenzo[10], b. 2 Nov 1876; m. In 1921 he lived in Philadelphia. No children.

ii Mary E.[10], m. Mr. Watson of Burnham, ME. No children.

iii Emma M.[10], b. 23 Jun 1880; d. 10 Jun 1882; a twin

iv Mattie S.[10], b. 23 Jun 1880; d. 10 Jun 1882; a twin.

Note:

1. Biography form from Hattie Martha Hall, RFD, Burnham, ME, 17 Sep 1921; letters from Charles F. Sargent, Bay State Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 10 Aug 1921 and 23 Aug 1921.

**Minnie C. Sargent[9] (Harriet Cilley Woodman Sargent[8], Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-77.** Minnie C., born 1860, married Clarence H. Eldridge in 1877. She lived most of her life in Haverhill, Massachusetts; died 1896.

*Minnie's children (named Eldridge):*(1)

i Minnie L.[10], m. Mr. Woodburn of Plaistow, NH, and had three boys and two girls. In 1921 she probably lived at Merrimac, MA.

**10-23** ii Charles Herbert[10].

iii Grace[10], m. a Mr. Thomas; no children.

Note:

1. Letters from Charles F. Sargent, Bay State Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 10 Aug and 23 Aug 1921; biography form from Hattie Martha Hall, RFD, Burnham, ME, 17 Sep 1921.

**Ella Langmaid[9] (Alonzo E. Langmaid[8], Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-78.** Ella, born 9 May 1872; married Sydney McKay 27 August 1898. Ella resided on R #5, Dover, New Hampshire, in 1921.(1)

*Ella's children (named McKay):*

i Gertrude I.[10], b. 1 Aug 1899.

ii Bernice M.[10], b. 29 Dec 1902.

iii Clyde J.[10], b. 29 Jan 1904.

Note:

1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Florence Langmaid[9] (True W. Langmaid[8], Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-79.** Florence married George Stimpson.(1)

*Florence's children (named Stimpson):*

i Goldia[10].

ii Albert[10].

Note:

1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Ada Langmaid[9] (True W. Langmaid[8], Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-80.** Ada married Howard Annis and resided at Revere, Massachusetts, in 1921.(1)

*Ada's children (named Annis):*

i Wilbur[10].

ii Pauline[10].

iii Florence[10].

Note:

1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Percy Langley[9] (Charlotte F. Langmaid Langley[8], Elizabeth Dame Woodman Langmaid[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-81.** Percy married Josephine Brown.

*Percy's child (named Langley):*(1)

i Grace[10].

Note:

1. Undated biography sheet and a letter from Alonzo E. Langmaid, RFD #5, Dover, NH, 8 May 1921.

**Lila Durgin[9] (John Augustus Durgin[8], Hannah Woodman Durgin[7], Jonathan[6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-82.** Lila married first Edgar Hoyt Raymond in 1899. He died in 1904. Married second husband Lewis Whitman Hartt, Jr., in 1908.(1)

*Lila and Edgar H.'s child (named Raymond):*

i Lila Hoyt[10].

*Lila and Lewis W.'s children (named Hartt):*

ii Muriel Durgin[10].

iii Lewis Whitman, III[10].

Note:

1. A letter from Augusta Durgin, 2111 82nd St., Brooklyn, NY, 15 Nov 1921.

**Asa Dunbar[9] (Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-83.** Asa Dunbar was born at Lake Village, Belknap County, New Hampshire, 26 Jul 1836. In 1850 the fourteen-year-old was living with his grandparents, Daniel and Eunice, in Meredith, New Hampshire.(1) Asa D. was living in Laconia, New Hampshire, when he married Martha Jane Reed

at Nashua, New Hampshire, 1 October 1856. Martha Jane was born about 1839, in Weston, Massachusetts.(2)

Horatio L. wrote, "My father came West in 1857 and settled first at Merrimac, Wisconsin. He worked at his trade, stone laying in summer and taught schools winters."(3) In 1860 Asa D., Martha J. and their first child, Horatio Leroy, were living at Lodi, Columbus County, Wisconsin.(4)

At Westport, Wisconsin, on 15 August 1862, Asa D. enrolled as a private in Company G, 29th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Asa D.'s son, Horatio L. wrote, "He was in fourteen battles and several skirmishes. He never got higher than sergeant." Actually, Asa D. has a remarkable attendance record as a soldier. In the two years and ten months of his service, he was present in his outfit all but eleven days. Indeed, Asa D. must have possessed a cast-iron constitution. With the bad food and poor medical care, more men died of disease than bullets in the Civil War. He had been absent from 11 November to 19 November in 1864 with pneumonia and three more days in December of that year for something a company clerk noted as "intermittent." Asa was discharged at Shreveport, Louisiana, 22 June 1865.(5)

Horatio Leroy continued about his father, "After he returned home he followed his trade and other occupations until the fall of 1871, after the Chicago fire. He then went to Chicago and followed his trade part of the time. [He] took up sewing machine work and followed that most of the last years of his life."

After a seven-year illness, Martha Jane died 9 October 1884 of "polypus uterus."(6) On New Year's Eve of 1885, in Bloomington, Indiana, Asa D. took another wife. She was Fannie Barton of Bloomington, Indiana. Asa was her senior by twenty-seven years.(7)

By early 1890 Asa D. was suffering from gastric ulcers. A friend wrote, " . . . during this time he could do very little work of any kind . . . he being disabled by ulceration of the stomach. During [the] last six months of his life he could do no work at all . . . The only thing he could do was to go now and then to see that his workmen did the work properly . . . He had no doctor . . . except for a little over a month before his death, but used his own remedies to relieve the pains and severe attacks." Asa D. died 16 December 1890 at 814 Washtenow (sic) Avenue in Chicago. He is buried beside Martha J. in Oakwood Cemetery in Chicago.(8)

On 23 July 1890, unable to work, Asa had applied for an invalid's pension based upon his service in the Civil War, but had died before completing it. On 24 January 1891, Fannie decided to continue filing the claim. But she shortly married again. On 23 December 1891, a year and a week after Asa died, Fannie married Wm. H. Gibbons. She wanted, she said, to draw the amount due the soldier up to the date of his death and the amount due her up to the date of her remarriage. There is no record she succeeded in collecting from the government.

Horatio Leroy summed up his father's life. "He never was a very successful businessman. He was a great lover of music, could play the violin very nicely, and also the organ. He had a good education and was a very fluent talker. We all thought a great deal of our father."

About his mother Horatio wrote, "My mother's people died when she was young and she never was able to tell us children anything. She had one sister married to a fireman in Boston, but she died during the Civil War." And then he added, "If you had asked me these questions forty years ago, I might have been able to give you more information."

The son, Horatio Leroy, kept a diary (now in the possession of his granddaughter Jo Anne Harms Stephens) which provides many intimate glimpses of Asa D. and his family. Asa D., it seems, was always inventing something. Once Horatio came home from work to find him busily inventing scented cigars. The diary tells that part of the sewing machine work Horatio mentioned in his letter was really a family project of sewing curtains for a theater in Chicago. All the family were avid fans of the theater and attended whenever possible.

There is no evidence Asa Dunbar ever participated in seances, but the remainder of the family was fascinated by them. There are many diary entries about "circles" and "mediums" and meetings they attended. Once they contacted a spirit named "Prairie Flower."(9)

*Asa D.'s children:*(10)

**10-24** i Horatio Leroy[10], b. 8 Jan 1858.

ii Hattie Emily[10], probably b. in WI between 1858-1864; d. in infancy.

iii Emma May[10], was b. probably 1864 during the Civil War. She m. George Sargent. In 1921 she lived near Yakima, WA. Emma May inherited $100.00 when her Uncle Elbridge G. d. in 1899. She had two daughters and a son (named Sargent).(11)

iv Annette Maria[10], b. about 1867 in WI. Horatio Leroy wrote, "My sister Annette Maria drowned herself in Lake Michigan late in the fall of 1885."(12)

v Elbridge Gerry[10], b. 1869; d. in Lodi, WI of scarlet fever when about two years old.

**10-25** vi Fred[10], b. 28 Sep 1870.

Notes:

1. 1850 U.S. Census, Meredith, NH; family group sheet from Jo Anne Harms Stephens, W5537 Fire Lane 12, Menasha, WI 54952.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. Letter from Horatio Leroy Woodman, Elkhart, IN, 28 Aug 1921.
4. 1860 U.S. Census, Lodi, WI.
5. Asa's Military Pension Record, Military Archives, Washington, DC.
6. Martha J.'s Death Certificate found in Asa's Pension Record.
7. Marriage Certificate in Pension Record.
8. Pension Record; Death Certificate.
9. Excerpts from the dairy of Horatio Leroy Woodman in the possession of Jo Anne Harms Stephens of Menasha, WI.
10. Letter from Horatio Leroy Woodman; letter from George H. Woodman, Wilmington, MA, 6 Oct 1921.
11. Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Record, Docket #18034.
12. Letter from Horatio Leroy Woodman, 18 Sep 1921.

## Charles H.[9] (Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-84.** Charles H. was born in March 1853 in Vermont. He married Lizzie B. who was born in August 1857.(1) In 1880 Charles H. and his family lived in Sommerville, Massachusetts;(2) by 1900 they lived in Lowell, Massachusetts. In 1921 Charles H.'s brother George Herbert wrote that Charles H. was a B & M. R.R. engineer and that he lived on South Loring Street in Lowell, c/o A.W. Pilling. Horatio Leroy Woodman wrote that Charles H. was a railroad man in Lowell, and that his children were all girls.(3)

Charles H.'s brother George Herbert Woodman died in 1938 without a wife or children. Administration papers list Charles H.'s children as his next of kin. When Charles H.'s Uncle Elbridge died in 1899 he left $500.00 to each of Charles H.'s five daughters, but he did not name them.

*Charles H.'s children:*(4)

i Winnie M.[10], b. Jun 1876 was Winnie McGraw, 93 1st. St., Hamden, CT.

ii Bertha L.[10], b. Nov 1877, was probably Bertha Pelling, living at 26 Dover St., Lowell, MA, in 1938.

iii Mabel A.[10], b. May 1882, was Mabel Conant, 504 State St., Schenectedy, NY.

iv Ethel M.[10], b. in Aug 1884. In 1938 she was Ethel Blodgett, Groton St., Ayer, MA.

v Nellie M.[10], m. Ernest N. Parker. In 1938 she lived at 134 Parker St., Lowell, MA.

Notes:

1. 1900 U.S. Census.
2. 1880 U.S. Census.

3. 1900 U.S. Census; letter from George H. Woodman, Wilmington, MA, 6 Oct 1921; letter from Horatio Leroy Woodman, Elkhart, IN, 28 Aug 1921.
4. 1900 U.S. Census; George Herbert Woodman Estate Adm. Papers, Middlesex Co., MA Probate Records Cambridge, MA, Docket #224756; Hillsborough Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #18034.

### Daniel C.[9] (Daniel C.[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-85.** Daniel C. was born 8 August 1857 in Laconia, New Hampshire.(1) He is surely the Daniel C. of Lake Village, New Hampshire, who attended New Hampton Institute at New Hampton, New Hampshire about 1878.(2) Daniel C. and Edith Chessman of New Hampton were married on 13 February 1884 in Bristol, New Hampshire.(3)

When Daniel C.'s Uncle Elbridge G. died in Wilton, New Hampshire, in 1899, Daniel C. received $1000.00; Edith was to have $500.00.(4) They were living in Concord, New Hampshire, on Auburn Street with their daughter Lena when the U.S. Census was taken in 1900.

Edith died in Whitefield, New Hampshire, 23 September 1910.(5) Daniel C. married again, for when he made his will in 1921 he had a wife named Jeannette. Did he marry his brother, Elbridge G.'s, widow who was named Jeannette? Daniel died in Whitefield 16 July 1928. His death record listed his occupation as "druggist and real estate."(6)

*Daniel C. and Edith's child:*(7)

i Lena A.[10], b. Dec 1855. The tone of Daniel C.'s will suggests she may have suffered from some handicap.

Notes:
1. Daniel C.'s Father's Military Pension Record.
2. Notes from Frances Leavenworth in 1921 who descended from the Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1] family. Her husband and father were closely involved with the New Hampton Institute.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.
4. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #18034.
5. Merrimack Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #23082.
6. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #42974; New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Daniel C.'s Will; 1900 U.S. Census.

### John Pierce[9] (John Pierce[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-86.** John Pierce was born 30 June 1850 in Manchester, New Hampshire – four months after his father died.(1) He is said to have followed in his father's footsteps and become a carpenter. He is surely the same John P. who is listed in the Manchester, New Hampshire, city directories in 1869, 1872, 1875, but that John P. was called a boxmaker for J.L. Smith & Company.

By 1875 he had married Clara C. who was born in 1853 and whose maiden name may have been Haynes. In 1880 John P. and Clara C. lived in Epsom, New Hampshire.(2)

Unfortunately, young John P. also followed in his father's footsteps by dying young. On 31 October 1881 he died in Epsom. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. said it was consumption. Clara C. was appointed administratrix of John P.'s estate.(3)

Clara married Fred A. Page and on 23 July 1895 she and Fred, both of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, applied for the guardianship of John P.'s daughter Grace L.(4)

John Pierce is buried in the New Rye Cemetery in Epsom, New Hampshire, and Clara was buried there when she died in 1937. Fred Page, who was eight years younger than Clara, has his name on the monument with Clara, but there is no death date; perhaps he was not buried there.(5)

*John P.'s children:*

i Grace L.[10], was born in Mar 1875. In 1900 Grace L. lived in Allentown, NH, listed as

the "daughter-in-law" of Fred R. Page. Her name is on a marker in the New Rye Cemetery in Epsom, but there is no death date. It isn't clear whether she is buried there.(6)

ii Harry E.[10], b. 1877; d. 1879. He is buried in the family lot in Epsom.

Notes:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861.
2. 1880 U.S. Soundex to Census.
3. Merrimack Co., NH, Probate Records, Concord, NH, Docket #10836.
4. Ibid., Docket #16093.
5. Cemetery Records from New Hampshire Historical Society.
6. 1880 U.S. Soundex to Census; 1900 U.S. Census NH.

**Mary Jane Patterson[9] (Henrietta Curtis Woodman Patterson[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-87.** Mary Jane was born 26 April 1859. She married Lymon H. Cate in 1895. She probably lived in Winnisquam, New Hampshire about 1921.(1)

*Mary Jane's child (named Cate):*

i Eben Woodman[10]. In 1904 he was said to be living in Sanbornton, NH when he inherited a gold watch from his Uncle Ebenezer F. Woodman.

Note:
1. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Record, Docket #7304.

**Adelaide Frances French[9] (Louisa Isabella Woodman French[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-88.** Adelaide Frances was born 14 September 1849. On 26 February 1868 she married John M. Bean, a farmer. In 1921 Adelaide lived in Salem, Massachusetts.(1)

*Adelaide F.'s children (named Bean):*

i Etta Nellie[10], b. 12 Feb 1869; d. 12 May 1921.

**10-26** ii Myrtie Belle[10], b. 24 Dec 1874.

**10-27** iii Linnie Louise[10], b. 14 Jul 1877.

Note:
1. Letters from Adelaide Frances Bean, Ashbury Grove, MA, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA 31 Aug and 9 Sep 1921.

**Isabella May French[9] (Louisa Isabella Woodman French[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-89.** Isabella May was born 9 March 1862. She married a constructing (sic) electrical engineer named John Hanson Bickford 9 April 1886. In 1921 they lived at 34 Buffum Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

*Isabella May's children (named Bickford):*(1)

i Nana French[10], b. 11 Oct 1886.

ii John Hanson, Jr.[10], b. 4 Jun 1903.

Note:
1. Letters from Adelaide Frances Bean, Ashbury Grove, MA, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA 31 Aug and 9 Sep 1921.

### Eva Estelle Johnson[9] (Lovilla Equilla Woodman Johnson[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-90.** Eva Estelle was born 24 August 1858 in Quincy, Massachusetts. She married Fred Augustus Carr at Concord 2 May 1878. Fred was born there 4 March 1857.(1)

*Eva Estelle's child (named Carr):*

i Ernest Franklin[10], was perhaps b. 6 Jul 1879.

Note:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, p. 406; a letter from Adelaide F. Bean, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA, 15 Sep 1921.

### Gilbert Andrew Clark[9] (Elizabeth Cordelia Woodman Clark[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-91.** Gilbert Andrew was born 13 July 1871. He married Rosa Churchill. An insurance agent in 1921, his address was Equitable Building, Washington, DC.(1)

*Gilbert C.'s children (named Clark):*

i Gilbert C.[10]

ii Nathan[10].

Note:

1. A letter from Adelaide F. Bean, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA, 15 Sep 1921.

### John A.[9] (George Andrew[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-92.** John A. was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, 12 July 1858.(1) He married Carrie E. Flagg 3 July 1882 at Nashua, New Hampshire. Carrie, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was born about 1862, the daughter of John T. Flagg of Boylston, Massachusetts. She may have been born in Rutland, Vermont.(2) In 1904 John A. inherited $50.00 from the wife of his Uncle Ebenezer French Woodman.(3)

In 1921 Adelaide Esther wrote that John A. lived at 47 Union Avenue, Randolph, Massachusetts. A 1921 Randolph town directory gave his address as 725 S. Main and called him a farmer. At one time he may also have lived in Brighton, Massachusetts, and Jamaica Plains, both in Massachusetts.

*John A.'s children:*

i Frank B.[10], b. 3 Jun 1884; m. Florence Greenlaw.

**10-28** ii William Merton[10], b. 10 Apr 1887.

iii Ruth M.[10], b. 31 Mar 1894 in Hudson, MA; d. 15 Feb 1895.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 861; letter from Adelaide Esther Moulton, Franklin, NH, 29 Sep 1921; Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, 115:268.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., notes; letter from Adelaide Esther Moulton.
3. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #7304.

### Adelaide Esther[9] (George Andrew[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-93.** Adelaide Esther was born 17 September 1867, three months after her father died. Left with a son eleven and a son seven, perhaps Adelaide E.'s mother, Hannah A., thought she could not raise this baby. So Adelaide E. was adopted by Alfred Clark. Alfred, a carpenter, was born in Solon, Maine, 10 September 1829 and lived in Franklin, New Hampshire.(1)

Adelaide E. (Addie) married George A. Moulton of Tilton, New Hampshire, 26 April 1890.

In 1921 they lived in Franklin, New Hampshire, at 19 Russell Street. Adelaide inherited $50.00 and a picture named "Bun" from the wife of her Uncle Ebenezer French Woodman in 1904.(2)

*Adelaide's children (named Moulton):*

i Bernice Alfreda[10], b. 4 Jul 1891. In 1921 Bernice A. was a stenographer.

ii Esther Lucille[10], b. 2 Mar 1901.

Notes:

1. *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II, p. 862; *History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. I, pp. 164-165; a letter from Adelaide Esther Moulton, 19 Russel St., Franklin, NH, 29 Sep 1921.
2. Belknap Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #7304.

**Josephine Pearson[9] (Mary Jane Woodman Pearson[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-94.** Josephine was born 31 August 1867. She married Mr. Knowles 6 July 1889 and died in January 1895.

*Josephine's child (named Knowles):*(1)

i Edmund E.[10], b. 17 February 1892; d. 12 Aug 1920.

Note:

1. Biography form from Mary Jane Pearson, Fairfield, ME, probably 1921.

**Ethelbert F. Sayward[9] (Josephine Izetta Woodman Sayward[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-95.** Ethelbert F. was born in 1871. He married Nettie Varney. He inherited $50.00 from Aunt Harriet E. Woodman in 1904.

*Ethelbert F.'s child (name Sayward):*(1)

i Everett Varney[10], b. 30 Apr 1899. Everett was a wagoneer in World War I and froze his feet in Germany. He m. Marian Tipple and had a daughter. In 1921 he lived in Lochmere, NH.

Note:

1. A letter from Harry W. Sayward, Tilton, NH, 16 Oct 1921.

**Jessie Woodman Hart[9] (Joshua Woodman Hart[8], Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-96.** Jessie Woodman was born 22 May 1865. On 26 June 1894 she married William Allen Senter. In 1921 she was thought to be living in Salt Lake City.(1)

*Jessie's children (named Senter):*

i William Allen, Jr.[10], b. 20 Oct 1896.

ii Edward Mortimer[10], d. 10 Nov 1897.

Note:

1. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

**Sands Milton Hart[9] (John Simpson Hart[8], Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-97.** Sands Milton, born 15 April 1852; married Estella M. Blake 15 May 1878. Sands died 23 December 1915.(1)

*Sands Milton's children (named Hart):*

i Lucius Sands[10], b. 11 Dec 1879; d. 18 Feb 1901. Unmarried.

**10-29** ii Harold Hawkins[10], b. 3 Jul 1882.

**10-30** iii John Shelley[10], b. 16 Jan 1885.

Note:

1. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

### Lillian Ann Hart[9] (John Simpson Hart[8], Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-98.** Lillian Ann was born 4 June 1864. A graduate of Wellesley College, she married Chicago attorney, M.H. Cazier. In 1921 they lived in Rogers Park, Illinois.(1)

*Lillian Ann's children (named Cazier):*

i Lucile[10], married.

ii Marion[10], unmarried in 1921.

Note:

1. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

### Nellie Louise Hart[9] (John Simpson Hart[8], Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-99.** Nellie Louise, born 7 October 1868. A graduate of Wellesley College, Nellie married L.A. Crandall. Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, granddaughter of Joshua[6] wrote, "[He] was a distinguished clergyman who was for years pastor of a large Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, but now retired and engaged in literary work in Chicago." In 1921 they lived at 5000 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.(1)

*Nellie L.'s children (named Crandall):*

i Susan[10].

ii Latham, Jr.[10]

Note:

1. Letters from Frances Anne Woodman Leavenworth, 30 Pattison St., Worcester, MA, 1921; letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

### James J.[9] (Joseph Johnson[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-100.** James J. was born 30 July 1854 at Strafford, New Hampshire, and attended school at Dover, New Hampshire. He married Agnes S. Gove 23 September 1882. She was born 21 October 1859 at Lawrence, Massachusetts, the daughter of Hiram and Agnes (Connor) Gove.

Said to be a teamster and mill operator, James J. lived in Strafford twenty-one years, Dover twenty-five years and had been in Lynn, Massachusetts, twenty-one years.

James J. described himself as 5 feet 9-1/2 inches tall, weighed 165 pounds with a light complexion. He was a member of the Red Man Lodge of Dover.(1)

*James J.'s children:*

i Ethel M.[10], b. 13 Dec 1846 (sic), not married in 1921.(2)

**10-31** ii William W.[10], b. 14 Dec 1883.

**10-32** iii Arthur Lawrence[10], b. 17 Jan 1887.

iv George A.[10], not married in 1921.

Notes:
1. Undated biography sheets from Arthur Lawrence Woodman and James J. Woodman.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

***John A. Woodman***

### John Allen[9] (Joseph Johnson[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-101.** John Allen was born 7 August 1858 (or 1859). He married Ella F. who was born in October 1858 in New Hampshire.(1) In 1921 John A. lived at 32 Bay View Avenue, Lynn, Massachusetts.(2) He died in Lynn 3 October 1924.(3)

*John A.'s child:*

i Florence A.[10], born May 1883. John A. wrote, "She was married in 1907 to a man by the name of Patterson. They lived together until 1916. He was leading a double life and when the fact became known, he went away and after waiting three years as the law requires in the state, she obtained a divorce on desertion and resumed her maiden name of Woodman."

Notes:
1. 1900 U.S. Mass. Census.
2. A letter from John Allen Woodman, 32 Bay Avenue, Lynn, MA, 7 Aug 1921.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records 1891-present, Department of Health, Boston, MA, 1924, 44:110.

### Manson B.[9] (Joseph Johnson[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-102.** Manson B. was born 20 July 1863 in Strafford, New Hampshire.(1) In 1900 he lived with his widowed mother, Sarah Elizabeth, in Strafford.(2) On 5 January 1902 Manson married Flossie L. Hatch of Lowell, Massachusetts, who was eighteen years his junior. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, she was the daughter of Frank B. (who was born in Bangor, Maine) and Julia (Severns) Hatch.(3)

By 11 March 1918 Flossie L. faced a difficult task. She appeared before the Strafford County Probate Court and told them Manson was an insane person and asked they appoint her his guardian.(4) Later that year Manson B. died in the state hospital in Concord, New Hampshire, on 21 November 1918.(5) By 3 February 1920 when the court appointed Flossie L. administratrix of Manson's affairs, she had remarried – someone named Colby – and was living in Dover, New Hampshire.(6)

Manson had been a horse dealer and trader. He had brown hair and eyes, was 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 145 pounds.(7)

In 1921 Manson's brother John Allen wrote, "In regard to Manson's children, I don't know anything about them. I don't know anyone that has seen them since Manson died."(8)

*Manson B.'s children:*(9)

i Regina F.[10], b. 22 Aug 1903; d. 23 Aug 1903.
ii Catha[10], b. 15 Jul 1908.
iii Walter F.[10]
iv Marjorie[10], b. 26 Jan 1910 in Dover, NH; d. there 5 May 1910.(10)

Notes:
1. Manson's death record – New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. 1900 U.S. Census.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
4. Strafford Co. Probate Records, Dover, NH, Docket #X3952.
5. New Hampshire Vital Records.
6. Strafford Probate, Docket #X4531.
7. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
8. A letter from John Allen Woodman, Lynn, MA, 7 Aug 1921.
9. Strafford Probate Docket #X4531; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
10. New Hampshire Vital Records.

### Bessie W. Jenness[9] (Almira J. Woodman Jenness[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-103.** Bessie W. was born in 1871, probably in Cleveland, Ohio. She married H. H. Bundy of Willoby, Ohio, 10 November 1896. Bessie W. died 2 August 1910.

*Bessie W.'s children (named Bundy):*(1)

i Helen[10], b. 30 Jul 1897; d. 2 Feb 1914.

ii Richard Jenness[10], b. 26 Dec 1899. In 1921 he attended school in Boston, MA.

Note:
1. A letter from H. H. Bundy, 517 Cuyahoga Building, Cleveland, OH, 19 May 1921.

### Byron J.[9] (Daniel S.[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-104.** Byron J. was born 25 January 1872, probably in Strafford, New Hampshire. He married Gertrude E. Durgin 17 November 1894. She was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, in November 1877, the daughter of Woodbury M. and Abbie G. (James) Durgin of Northwood, New Hampshire.(1)

In 1900 they lived in Northwood.(2) There is a record that Gertrude divorced Byron J. in Northwood 13 May 1909. The cause was abandonment. Byron J. perhaps married again but I have no record of it. By 1921 he was living in Haverhill, Massachusetts, where he was a "shoe operator."

*Byron J.'s children:*

i Valentina Durgin[10], b. 14 Feb 1898 at Northwood.

ii Woodbury Gale[10], b. 26 May 1901 at Strafford.

iii Glen[10], a stillborn child b. 19 Dec 1905.(3)

Notes:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
2. 1900 U.S. Census Records.
3. New Hampshire Vital Records.

### Herbert C.[9] (Daniel S.[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-105** Herbert C. was born 1 December 1873 in Strafford, New Hampshire. He was a boarder in someone's house in Dover, New Hampshire, when the census was taken in 1900.(1) Later in the year, on 14 October 1900, he married Helen M. Bragdon who was born in Rochester, New Hampshire 24 May 1882.

A druggist in Dover, Herbert C. died there in 1939 at the age of sixty-six. Helen M. lived until 1966 when she died at the age of eighty-three. Herbert C.'s will is Docket #A904 in the Strafford County, New Hampshire Probate Office, but I have not seen it. Both are buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover.(2)

*Herbert C.'s child:*(3)

i Thelma F.[10], b. 12 Apr 1901.

Notes:
1. 1900 U.S. Census records.
2. Cemetery records from New Hampshire Historical Society.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Dana C.[9] (Dana Joshua[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-106.** Dana C. was born 21 July 1881 in Denver, Colorado. He was educated at Orchard School in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Magdalena Dehoff at St. Colman's Church in Cleveland 16 September 1903. Magdalena was born 15 May 1882 in Cleveland, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kern) Dehoff.

In 1921 Dana C. was a foreman in the V.D. Anderson Company Machine Shop and he lived at 1815 West 54th Street in Cleveland. His sister, Inez M., wrote that he belonged to the Evangelical Church, was 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 146 pounds and had a dark complexion.(1)

*Dana C.'s child:*

i Madeline Elizabeth[10], b. 19 Nov 1906.

Note:
1. An undated biography form and a letter from Inez M. Woodman, 1739 Northfield Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 19 Aug 1921.

### Charles Joshua[9] (Dana Joshua[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-107.** Charles Joshua was born 6 June 1885 in Cleveland, Ohio, and was educated there at the Orchard School. He married Ella Garvey at St. Colman's Church in Cleveland 22 June 1910. Ella was born 17 April 1887, the daughter of John and Mary (Brice) Garvey.

Charles J. was a tool maker, but in 1921 he was a mechanic in the bridge-building division of the city of Cleveland and he was living at 1444 West 84th Street there.

His sister, Inez M., wrote that Charles J. was a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. She said he was 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 140 pounds, with a dark complexion.(1)

*Charles J.'s children:*

i Charles[10], b. 1 Nov 1911.
ii Russel[10], b. 27 Jan 1914.
iii James[10], b. 27 Mar 1918.
iv Paul[10], b. 25 Nov 1919.
v Carl[10], b. 6 Jun 1921.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet and a letter from Inez M. Woodman, 1739 Northfield Ave., Cleveland, OH, 19 Aug 1921.

### William Sylvester James[9] (Dana Joshua[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-108.** William Sylvester James was born 27 July 1887 in Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended the Orchard School. On 25 August 1907, (or 9) he married Catherine Casey in Cleveland. Catherine was born 28 November 1889, the daughter of Richard and Cora (Chase) Casey.

In 1921 William S. J. was a cost-accountant in Cleveland where he lived at 1434 West 112th

Street. His sister, Inez M., described him as 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 160 pounds, with a light complexion, and a member of the Catholic Church.(1)

*William S. J.'s children:*

i Allen Sylvester[10], b. 2 Apr 1909.
ii Melvin[10], b. 10 Feb 1911.
iii Rita[10], b. 15 Dec 1916.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet and a letter from Inez M. Woodman, 1739 Northfield Ave., Cleveland, OH, 19 Aug 1921.

**Harry C.[9] (Dana Joshua[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-109.** Harry C. was born 17 May 1896 in Cleveland, Ohio. He received his education at the Orchard Street School there. On 19 January 1918, in Cleveland, Harry married Gladys Maxin. Gladys was born 19 November 1898, the daughter of Hanover and Gertrude (Appley) Maxin.

In 1921 Harry was a draftsman living at Ohlmsted Falls, Ohio. His sister, Inez M., wrote that Harry was 6 feet tall, weighed 150 pounds and that he had a dark complexion.(1)

*Harry C.'s child:*

i Bruce[10], b. 26 Nov 1918.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet and a letter from Inez M. Woodman, 1739 Northfield Ave., Cleveland, OH, 19 Aug 1921.

**Ira Perley Philbrick[9] (Jane E. Eastman Philbrick[8], Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-110** Ira Perley was born 24 March 1871. A farmer, he married Effie A. Piper 7 November 1905.(1) In 1911 he was listed as living in Rich Hill, Missouri.(2)

*Ira Perley's children (named Philbrick):*

i Perley Webster[10], b. 18 Apr 1908.
ii Emmons Eastman[10], b. 27 Dec 1911.
iii Ira Martin[10], b. 13 Jun 1916.

Notes:
1. A letter from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921.
2. A statement from executors of estate of Lawrence Chauncey[7] Woodman of Owatonna, MN, who died in 1911.

**Daniel Eastman Philbrick[9] (Jane E. Eastman Philbrick[8], Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-111.** Daniel Eastman was born 25 June 1875. A farmer, he married Harriet L. Piper 5 April 1905.(1) In 1911 he was listed as living in Rich Hill, Missouri.(2)

*Daniel E.'s children (named Philbrick):*

i Harrison Daniel[10], b. 9 Jul 1906.
ii Rachel Elizabeth[10], b. 17 Jun 1911.

Notes:
1. A biography from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921.
2. A statement from executors of estate of Lawrence Chauncey[7] Woodman of Owatonna, MN, who died in 1911.

**Nellie Piper Philbrick[9] (Jane E. Eastman Philbrick[8], Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-112.** Nellie Piper was born 26 January 1879. She married William G. Wills, a banker of Neosho, Missouri, on 4 November 1896.(1)

*Nellie Piper's children (named Wills):*

**10-33** i Martha Emma[10], b. 21 May 1898.
ii Lewis Gordon[10], b. 18 Jul 1900.

Note:
1. A biography from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921; a statement from the executors of the estate of Lawrence Chauncey[7] Woodman of Owatonna, MN, who died in 1911.

**Emma R.[9] (Charles Frederick[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-113.** Emma R. was born 2 February 1863 or 1864. She married John Haman 3 December 1889. They lived in Athens, Michigan, in 1821.(1)

*Emma R.'s children (named Haman):*

i Roy[10], b. 17 Feb 1900.
ii Ruth[10], b. 11 Jul 1903.
iii Leo[10], b. 25 Oct 1906.
iv Ross[10], b. 19 Mar 1909.

Note:
1. An undated, unsigned biography sheet sent to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Effie A.[9] (Charles Frederick[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-114.** Effie A. was born 5 March 1869; she married Henry Burgett of Athens, Michigan, on 6 October 1890. He died 6 April 1915 and she married Delbert Outman 21 February 1917.(1)

*Effie A. and Henry's children (named Burgett):*

i Ethel Leona[10], b. 15 Dec 1891; she married Walter Shook 21 Jan 1917.
ii Charles Benedict[10], b. 21 Jul 1895.

Note:
1. An undated, unsigned biography sheet sent to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Jay Joshua[9] (Charles Frederick[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-115.** Jay Joshua was born 14 Apr. 1871 in Orangeville Mills, Michigan and was educated there in the country schools. The family was large and the house and income were small and Jay went out to work for his board at the neighbors when he was ten years old. At fifteen he became a salesman for U.S. Patents and for the next seven years he traveled in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Utah, Oregon and California. At some point he was employed by the secret service and worked on many exciting cases, among them the great Johnson murder case in Colon, Michigan, for which he received many written commendations.

In 1895 he moved to Napoleon, Ohio where he married Matilda E. Gearheart 6 Oct. 1896. There he served as deputy marshall for two years and deputy sheriff for many years with three different sheriffs. He earned quite a reputation as an enemy to law-breakers wherein many of them were placed behind prison bars and naturally had many enemies among the denizens of the underworld. His adventures during these exciting times would make a volume in themselves. By 1904 he

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became a building contractor and carpenter and acquired considerable property.(1)

Jay Joshua invented and patented a "Mile and Guide Board" which had an adjustable arrow to point to the exact distance, direction and population of a city. He wrote news stories and was the author of two books, *Indian Legends* published by the Stratford Company Publishers,(2) and *The Great Day,* a religious work dealing with signs and indications of the coming of the Millenium and the end of the world.

Jay Joshua was a ninth degree Mason and a Democrat; in addition, he served in the volunteer fire dept. for thirteen years. Bess Odiorne thought Jay J. died 17 June 1941.

*Jay Joshua's children:*

i Sarah E.[10], b. 11 Jan 1903; d. 11 Feb 1917 of a brain hemorrhage.

ii Daniel Kenneson[10], b. 14 Apr 1910. On 1 Sep 1940 he married Genee O. Shyrock and lived in Manchester, OH.(3)

Notes:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
2. A letter from the Stratford Co., Publishers, 234-240 Boylston Street, Boston, MA, 13 Nov 1924.
3. *Descendants of Capt. John Woodman[2] and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

### Ina E.[9] (Charles Frederick[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-116.** Ina E. was born 18 September 1876; married Hugh E. Riley, Hastings, Michigan.(1)

*Ina's children (named Riley):*

i Mildred Ellen[10], b. 4 May 1907.

ii Belva Elaine[10], b. 27 Jun 1909.

Note:
1. Unsigned, undated biography sheet sent to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**John Henry[9] (John[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-117.** John Henry was born 21 (or 31) August 1856 at Yankee Spring, Michigan. On 24 May 1884 he married Bertha Cordelia Smith who was born 21 May 1860.(1) In 1921 John Henry's sister Amelia E. wrote that John Henry lived in Olathe, Colorado, but that for some time his home was in Tulsa, Oklahoma.(2) Bertha Cordelia is said to have died 30 June 1934 and John Henry died 8 August 1938.(3)

*John Henry's children:*(4)

i Elpha Irene[10], b. 9 Mar 1885; on 18 Apr 1906 she married John Reason Probases.

ii Estella Hazel[10], b. 31 Oct 1887. In 1913 she married Fred Winters. She died 8 Jun 1967 in Wagoner, OK.

iii Susie Nettie[10], b. 3 Oct 1889. In 1912 she married Harold Whitney. On 10 Nov 1914 she married Guy Willis Tilden who was born 9 Oct 1873 and died 25 Apr 1952. In 1959 Susie N. married Jack Dean Baker. She is said to have had one daughter with her first husband and five daughters and one son with her second husband. She is supposed to have gone from Central City, MO, to California.

iv Bertie Melvin[10], b. 30 Mar 1892; d. 3 Feb 1900 of typhoid fever.

v Clyde Okle (sic)[10], b. 16 May 1894; d. 3 Feb 1900 of typhoid.

vi Lawrence George[10], b. 5 Jun 1897; he died in the Army at Ft. Logan on 26 Nov 1915. He had never married.

Notes:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman (Edward[1]) and Mary (Field) Woodman;* an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, p. 53.
2. Letter from Amelia E. Woodman Anderson, Fall Creek, OR, 11 Sep 1921.
3. Unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, p. 53.
4. Ibid., pp. 73, 74.

**Edwin Augustus[9] (Thornton Asbury[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-118.** Edwin Augustus was born 11 January 1867.(1) He married Mary Lucretia (Lula) on 20 September 1899. She was born 25 January 1882, the daughter of Charles and Emily (Titus) Armstrong. He is said to have lived on his father's farm. He died 20 March 1933 and she died 21 May 1968. In April 1921 his mailing address was Cloverdale, Barry County, Michigan.

*Edwin A.'s children:*(2)

i Mina Mildred[10], b. 17 Aug 1900; m. Fred Boniface who was born 2 Mar 1891. Mina died 13 Feb 1959. Fred died 25 Jan 1968. She is said to have had one son and three daughters.

ii Edna Emma[10], b. 11 Oct 1901; she married Robert McKibben who was born 8 Jun 1903. She had one son and one daughter.

iii Irene June[10], b. 19 Jun 1903. In 1929 she married Ray Japhet who was born 5 Oct 1899 and died 20 Aug 1961. Irene J. is said to have adopted two children.

iv Mabel Margaret[10], b. 17 Dec 1904. She married Dennis Keller who was born 18 Mar 1903 and died 19 Jan 1962. They had one son.

v Florence Cornelia[10], b. 2 Mar 1907. She married John DeForest who was born 11 May 1905. They had a son and daughter who were twins.

vi May (Mae?)[10], b. 1 May 1909 and married Rollo Bowerman who was born 12 Dec 1905. It is said May had twin sons and a son and a daughter.

vii Charles Thornton[10], b. 8 Apr 1911; he married Mary Josephine Dieble who was born 23 Feb 1910 and had no children.

**10-34** viii John Llewellyn[10], b. 27 May 1914.

ix Edwin Coral[10], b. 16 Mar 1916. He married Nellie Stone who was born 13 Jan 1923 and had two daughters.

x Robert[10], b. 5 Apr 1917; d. in infancy.

xi Fannie Cleone[10], b. 7 Dec 1918. She married Richard Brower who was born 11 Sep 1922 and died 13 Nov 1955. She married second Lannes Kenfield who was born 13 Mar 1912. She had one son who was adopted.

xii Mary Elizabeth[10], b. 5 Dec 1921. In 1941 she married Arthur Palmer who was born 9 Nov 1916.

Notes:

1. Thornton Asbury's military record, Military Archives, Washington, DC, 21 May 1982.
2. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; a letter from Edwin A. Woodman, Cloverdale, MI, 1 Apr 1921; all information concerning the marriages of Edwin A.'s children is from *Descendants of Capt. John Woodman[2] and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 75, 76, 77, 97, 98.

## Loomis Daniel[9] (Thornton Asbury[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-119.** Loomis Daniel was born 23 July 1875.(1) He married Lillian (Lillie Belle?) Johncock in March 1895. She was born 17 May 1878, the daughter of Richard, Jr., and Mary B. (Johncox) Johncock who were cousins.

In 1921 Loomis D.'s brother, Edwin A., wrote, "L. D. lives near us . . . [and] has no other children except Archie and lives in Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, and is still a farmer."(2)

Loomis D. died 23 April 1953 and Lillian died 6 July 1954.(3)

*Loomis D.'s children:*

i Archie A.[10], b. 2 Dec 1895. Probably never married.

ii A daughter[10] who died young.

Notes:

1. Military record of Thornton Asbury[8], Military Archives, Washington, DC, 21 May 1982.
2. A letter from Edwin A. Woodman, Cloverdale, MI, 1 Apr 1921.
3. *Descendants of Capt. John Woodman[2] and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 54, 77.

## Ida Molly Jones[9] (Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-120.** Ida Molly was born 31 January 1866. She married Byron Damon 22 April 1883.(1)

*Ida Molly's children (named Damon):*

**10-35** i Orville Jones[10], b. 22 Jan 1884.

**10-36** ii Frank[10], b. 5 Mar 1887.

Note:

1. Letters from Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones, Delton, MI, 13 Mar and 12 May, 1921.

**Amy L. Jones[9] (Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-121.** Amy L. was born 20 May 1875. She married Edward D. Silcock on 17 January 1904.

*Amy L.'s children (named Silcock):*[(1)]

i Helen M.[10], b. 8 Feb 1902.
ii Hazel M.[10], b. 4 Oct 1903.
iii Eva[10], b. 11 Apr 1907.
iv Frank[10], b. 9 Sep 1909.

Note:

1. Letter from Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones, Delton, MI, 12 May 1921.

**Frank Roy[9] (John Bradbury[8], Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-122.** Frank Roy was born 10 November 1869 in Burr Oak, Michigan. On 28 June 1899 he married Lucinda A. Marvin, who was born 15 October 1869 at Colon, Michigan, the daughter of Marshall and Ruby Marvin. A printer and decorator, he lived in Burr Oak.[(1)] He is said to have died in 1925 and Lucinda A. died 15 October 1953.[(2)]

*Frank Roy's children:*[(3)]

i Mildred L.[10], b. 11 May 1904.
ii Francis Bernardine[10], b. 8 May 1910; d. 21 Jun 1910.

Notes:

1. *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan,* editorial supervision by H. G. Cutler, Vol. II, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago-New York, p. 780.
2. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman (Edward[1]) and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, p. 54.
3. A letter from Vinnie Woodman Bordner, Burr Oak, MI, 28 Jun 1921.

**Ira Guy[9] (John Bradbury[8], Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-123.** Ira Guy was born 8 August 1874 at Burr Oak, Michigan. On 29 June 1898 at Centerville, Michigan, he married Mabel Eugenia Parkinson. Mable E. was born in 1873, the daughter of Seymour and Alice Parkinson of Burr Oak. Said to be a woodworker in the car factory (sic), he lived in Three Rivers and Burr Oak.[(1)]

*Ira Guy's child:*

i Alice Maxine[10], b. 1 Feb 1902.

Note:

1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan,* editorial supervision by H. G. Cutler, Vol. II, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago-New York, p. 780; a letter from Vinnie Woodman Bordner, Burr Oak, 28 Jun 1921.

**Vinnie M.[9] (John Bradbury[8], Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-124.** Vinnie M. was born 28 September 1876. On 4 October 1900 she married Guy D. Bordner, cashier of the First National Bank in Burr Oak, Michigan, where they lived in 1921.[(1)]

*Vinnie M.'s children (named Bordner):*

i Howard Woodman[10], b. 23 Jun 1903.
ii Dorothy[10], b. 25 Aug 1907.
iii John Benjamin[10], b. 18 Nov 1909.

Note:
1. *History of St. Joseph County, Michigan,* editorial supervision by H. G. Cutler, Vol. II, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago-New York, pp. 780-781; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes; a letter from Vinnie Woodman Bordner, Burr Oak, MI, 28 Jun 1921.

### Grace Ethel Leavitt[9] (Alice W. Woodman Leavitt[8], Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-125.** Grace Ethel was born 16 November 1879. On 23 October 1905 she married Louis L. Collins of Meredith, New Hampshire.

*Grace E.'s children (named Collins):*[(1)]

i Nat Leavitt[10], b. 12 May 1912.

ii John Louis[10], b. 22 May 1918.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and letter from Charles C. Woodman, Sanbornton, NH, 7 Mar 1921, written by his daughter Ina W. Tuttle, RFD #1, Laconia, NH.

### Van Earle Leavitt[9] (Alice W. Woodman Leavitt[8], Ira[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-126.** Van Earle was born 19 September 1891. On 7 May 1914 he married Marguerite Seeley who died 23 December 1918.

*Van Earle's child (named Leavitt):*[(1)]

i Dorothy Dudley[10], b. 30 Jul 1917.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., and letter from Charles C. Woodman, Sanbornton, NH, 7 Mar 1921, written by his daughter Ina W. Tuttle, RFD #1, Laconia, NH.

### Amy W. Hanson[9] (Elsie M. Woodman Hanson[8], Charles Chase[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-127.** Amy W. was born 11 May 1879. She married Walter Herbert Cole 2 January 1904. Her second marriage was to John Walter Rogers, a car operator (sic), on 24 June 1912.

In 1921 Amy W. lived at 127 Fountain Street, Haverhill, MA.[(1)]

*Amy and Walter Herbert's child (named Cole):*

i Beulah Frances[10], b. 23 Jan 1905.

Note:
1. A letter from Amy W. Rogers, 127 Fountain Street, Haverhill, MA, 5 Oct 1921.

### Dana Chesley[9] (George Elmer[8], Charles Chase[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-128.** Dana Chesley was born 30 August 1885. He married Eunice Gray Goldthwaite at Dunstable, Massachusetts, on 18 September 1912. She was born 20 August 1892 at Danvers, Massachusetts, and was the daughter of Lawrence Winslow and Rosa Foster (Gray) Goldthwaite.

Dana lived in Barrington, New Hampshire, about fifteen years, Strafford five years, and Ipswich and Weston, Massachusetts, for twelve years. In 1919 he became the operator of the Northwood Garage at Northwood, New Hampshire.[(1)] He died there 16 February 1969.

*Dana's children:*

i Lawrence Dana[10], b. 3 Jun 1913; d. 26 Jan 1918.

ii Ruth Eunice[10], b. 5 Nov 1914. She was called Ruth W. Reed of Northwood in her father's will, but she was not on the list of legatees when he died in 1969.

iii George Chesley[10], born 8 Feb 1917. He died 3 Mar 1944 in Kikeal, Ireland. When Dana Chesley made his will in 1966, he left $500.00 to the town of Northwood, in trust, for the "perpetual care of the Memorial to my son, Lt. George C. Woodman, which is located in Woodman Park in said Northwood."

**10-37** iv Edith Gray[10], b. 13 May 1920.

Note:

1. An undated biography sheet from George E. Woodman, Northwood, NH in 1921; Rockingham Co., NH, Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Docket #49046 and #32851.

## Lillian I.[9] (John W.[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-129.** Lillian I. was born 26 October 1887 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She married Joseph W. Chambers 21 June 1916. He was born 29 March 1890 at Blooming Grove Township, Minnesota, the son of John and Ella Josephine (Marcyes) (sic) Chambers. In 1921 they lived in Aberdeen.(1)

*Lillian I.'s children (named Chambers):*

i Joseph Warren[10], b. 25 Nov 1918.

ii Russel Owen[10], b. 12 Dec 1919.

iii Shirley Ruth[10], b. 29 Apr 1921.

Note:

1. Undated 1921 information from John W. Woodman, Frederick, SD.

## Clara G.[9] (John W.[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-130.** Clara G. was born 4 August 1891. She married Thomas L. Ramsey 13 June 1918. Resided in Boone, Iowa in 1921.(1)

*Clara G.'s child (named Ramsey):*

i Thomas Woodman[10], b. 11 Nov 1919.

Note:

1. Undated 1921 information from John W. Woodman, Frederick, SD.

## Lawrence Caryl[9] (John W.[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-131.** Lawrence Caryl was born 21 October 1893. He married Bertha Maria Atilda Mathews 17 June 1912. Bertha, born 9 November 1892 in Kossuth County, Iowa, was the daughter of August F. and Louise H. (Schultz) Mathews. They lived in Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1921.(1)

*Lawrence C.'s children:*

i Lawrence Caryl, Jr.[10], b. 12 Mar 1918.

ii Gladys Marie[10], b. 11 Jun 1921.

Note:

1. Undated 1921 information from John W. Woodman, Frederick, SD.

## Mabel[9] (John W.[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-132.** Mabel was born 7 October 1902. She married La Verne Bork 16 August 1920 at Huron,

South Dakota. He was born 30 August 1901 at Revillo, South Dakota, the son of Herman George and Eva Marion (Skinner) Bork. In 1921 they lived in Watertown, South Dakota.(1)

*Mabel's child (named Bork):*

i La Verne Leslie[10], b. 12 Oct 1921.

Note:
1. Undated 1921 information from John W. Woodman, Frederick, SD.

**Helen Gertrude Rhodes[9] (Clara G. Woodman Rhodes[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-133.** Helen Gertrude was born 21 December 1892 at Ann Arbor, Michigan. She married Samuel Parry Grubb 22 August 1917. He was born 18 September 1898 at Galesburg, Illinois.

Their daughter Barbara Ann wrote:

> My mother graduated from the University of Michigan but only taught until my father returned from World War I. My father was a school principal and a science teacher for a short time. Because of the small salary, he decided to use his science skills in engineering (construction). He was employed by Montgomery Ward and Company building new stores for them. When the depression came (shortly after my birth in Chicago, IL), my father was out of work. My mother often described the move from Chicago in these terms – 'we decided to move South so we could at least keep warm. We piled the three children and a few belongings in the car, and with Bobby Ann's (my) diapers hanging out the window of the car to dry went to South Carolina.'
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> I never heard my parents say much about the short period of time we spent there, and I was too young to remember anything. Before I reached the age of two, my father obtained a job with the W.P.A. in Washington, DC. You will remember that construction was one method used to stimulate the economy at that point.
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> My youngest brother, Samuel Parry Grubb, Jr., was born in Washington, DC. The family home was in Falls Church, Virginia. Although my mother chose not to work, she was an active member of a church, PTA's, book clubs, D.A.R., bridge clubs and an avid collector of antiques. I remember her as a fighter. She would take on a cause and not let up until her case was won. For example, we had to walk about a mile along Lee Highway (then the main route South from Washington) to get to school  She took up the cause of having sidewalks constructed so we would not have to walk in the road.
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> Although more fortunate than many people during the depression, it was still hard to make ends meet. We always had a large garden, with my mother and grandmother (who by that time had retired and come to live with us) doing a lot of canning. We raised chickens to feed ourselves and my father also sold eggs and chickens to his fellow workers. At one time we even had two sheep. The present residents of Falls Church would be appalled to hear that!
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> When World War II broke out, my father was given the job of constructing prefabricated housing units for munitions workers. We made moves to Fort Washington and Indian Head, Maryland. The prefabricated housing consisted of two bedrooms, living room and kitchen and were built back to back. To accommodate our large family (three adults and three children) we rented two units and cut a hole between. When this project was completed, we were to move to Elkton, Maryland. My older brother, Jim, had decided he wanted to be a farmer, so we bought an old farm outside of town. It consisted of about seventy-two acres near the Elk River. We raised asparagus and tomatoes, which we sold to canneries or local stores. My father was a weekend farmer, and, for some years after he was transferred to New York City, would take the train home each weekend. When my younger brother graduated from high school, my parents finally sold the farm and got an apartment on Long Island. By this time, it was known that my mother had Parkinson's disease. At that time there were no medications to help, but she allowed doctors doing research to try experimental drugs on her. After getting progressively weaker, she died in a hospital in New York City.

Helen Gertrude died 17 October 1951 and is buried at Falls Church, Virginia. Samuel Parry died at Sebring, Florida, 18 September 1962.(1)

*Helen Gertrude's children (named Grubb):*

**10-38** i James Gilbert[10], b. 1 Dec 1927.

**10-39** ii Barbara Ann[10], b. 11 Feb 1929.

**10-40** iii Samuel Parry, Jr.[10], b. 23 Oct 1931.

Note:

1. A letter and genealogy chart from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY 13407, 18 Sep 1983 and letter 19 Jan 1985; Barbara A.'s D.A.R. application.

## Walter David[9] (Stephen Mead[8], William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-134.** Walter David was born 5 August 1864 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. He attended school there and at New Hampton, New Hampshire.(1)

At Sanbornton, on 26 April 1893 he married Gertrude M. Sanborn. She was born 9 May 1866 at Sanbornton, the daughter of Freedom and Oscie J. (Jones) Sanborn. Gertrude M. died 1 January 1912 at New Hampton.(2) Walter David was living at Clover Leaf Farm, RFD 1, Laconia, New Hampshire, in 1921.(3)

Walter D. described himself as a Baptist, a Democrat and a member of the Grange. He was 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 150 pounds. He died in 1949 and is buried with Gertrude in the New Bay Cemetery in Sanbornton.

*Walter D.'s children – all born in Sanbornton:*(4)

**10-41** i Oscar Raymond[10], b. 13 Mar 1894.

**10-42** ii Alice Marion[10], b. 4 July 1895.

iii Walter David, Jr.[10], was born 27 Jun 1897. He enlisted in World War I 6 Sep 1919 and was discharged 30 Nov 1919. In 1921 he was a farmer living at his father's home. He is said to have married Alice Higgins late in life and had no children. I think he died in February 1979 and that administration papers of his estate are Docket #24737 in Belknap Co., but I have not seen them.

**10-43** iv Ernest Freedom[10], b. 28 Apr 1899.

v A stillborn son b. 30 Sep 1901.

Notes:

1. An undated biography form from Walter David Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 1921.
2. New Hampshire Vital Records.
3. A letter from Walter David Woodman, 10 Sep 1921.
4. Biography; 1900 U.S. Census.

***Walter David Woodman***

***Walter David Woodman and Family 1911***

***On left—Walter David, Jr. and Ernest Freedom Woodman***
***World War 1***

**Jennie Olive[9] (Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-135.** Jennie Olive was born 12 February 1868. On 8 September 1892 she married Frederick W. Colby who was born 8 June 1861. She died 20 April 1903 at the age of thirty-five about a month after giving birth to her fifth child in eleven years. Fred W. died five years later on 16 November 1908.

*Jennie O.'s children (named Colby):*

i Myra Bell[10], was b. 20 Jun 1893. She taught school in Manchester, NH, for a time. By August of 1921 she was living in California, unmarried.
ii Carl W.[10], b. April 1895; d. 28 Mar 1913.
iii Marjorie Eva[10], b. May 1897; d. 18 Jun 1911.
iv Marion Cynthia[10], b. 6 Sep 1898. In 1921 she was teaching school in Manchester.
v Frederick Ira[10], b. 23 Mar 1903. In 1921 he lived in Laconia, NH.

Note:
1. A letter from Walter David Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 13 Sep 1921; a letter from Vernie May Woodman Heath, Bristol, NH, 6 Sep 1921.

***Everett Gerrish Philbrick***

**Caroline Perkins[9] (Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-136.** Caroline Perkins (called Carrie by her family) was born 28 December 1869 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. On 10 October 1893 she married Charles Harvey Philbrick of Tilton, New Hampshire, who was born 18 January 1871, the son of Enoch Gerrish and Ann (Hill) Philbrick.

Charles Harvey was a practicing optometrist in Lynn, Massachusetts, when he died 21 October 1918.(1)

*Caroline P.'s child (named Philbrick):*

i Everett Gerrish[10], was b. 30 Jan 1896 in Tilton, NH. On 30 May 1917 he enlisted in Naval Aviation. On 11 August 1918, during World War I, he drowned in a training exercise at Lacanan Gironde, France.

Note:
1. An undated biography from Caroline Perkins Woodman Philbrick, Bristol, NH, probably 1921.

**Harry Earnest[9] (Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-137.** Harry Earnest was born 30 August 1871. On 20 March 1915 he married Emma Brundage who was born 20 March 1882 in Newburgh, New York, the daughter of Joseph and Anna S. (Willbey) Brundage. They married on Emma's thirty-third birthday.

Harry E. is said to have been a carpenter at Winnisquam, New Hampshire. "I have been a farmer, carpenter and for the past ten years a traveling salesman," wrote Harry E., "and my desire is to return to farming." In 1921 Harry lived at H2 Oak Grove Ct. (sic), Malden, Massachusetts.(1)

*Harry E.'s child:*

i Pearl Millicent[10], b. 20 May 1916.

Note:
1. A letter from Harry Earnest Woodman, H2 Oak Grove Ct., Malden, MA, 7 Aug 1921.

**Clarence John[9] (George[8], William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-138.** Clarence John was born 24 August 1894 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. On 12 May 1914 he married Marion Alice Stone.

In 1921 Clarence J.'s mother wrote, "Clarence and his wife's brother, Milton Stone, carry on the large milk farm which their father had carried on for twenty years. They keep twenty cows and send the milk to Boston every day."

Clarence's address in 1921 was RFD #1, Tilton, New Hampshire.(1)

*Clarence J.'s children:*(2)

i Alfred George[10], b. 4 Sep 1921. He m. Mildred Sedlock. In 1984 Rosemary Woodman wrote, "Alfred is moving from Flippin, AR to Houston, MO soon."

**10-44** ii Arthur Stone[10], b. 10 Jun 1926.

Notes:
1. A letter from Anna B. Randlett Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 26 Mar and 25 Dec 1921.
2. Letter from Anna B., 25 Dec 1921; telephone conversation with Rosemary Jackson Woodman, 452 Mammoth Rd., R #8, Londonderry, NH 03053, Mar 1984 and a letter from Rosemary 24 Aug 1984.

**Minnie Bunnell[9] (Elizabeth Woodman Bunnell[8], James W.[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-139.** Minnie married Elmer G. Kirtlan.

*Minnie's children (named Kirtlan):*(1)

i June[10], m. Charles James. No children.
ii Alta[10], m.; had one child.
iii Dorothy[10], m. Dr. Norman Cottona.
iv Elizabeth[10], not m.

Note:
1. Theoda Mears Morse, *Ancestors and Descendants of Mr. Jeremiah Parker of Roxbury, MA,* 1963, p. 16, 17, an unpublished ms. found in New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, MA; Mrs. Theoda Mears Morse and Mr. & Mrs. Charles White, *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* published by the Morrill Historical Society, Inc., of Morrill, ME, pp. 444.

### Herman Merriam[9] (Betsey Caroline Bowen Merriam[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-140.** Herman was born 25 September 1870 in Morrill, Maine. A prominent millman, he married Abbie A. Morrill at Morrill 6 May 1896. She was born in Belmont, Maine, in March 1873, the daughter of William Augustus and second wife Emma E. (Witherbee) Morrill of Belmont. Abbie died 19 October 1927 and is buried in Morrill Cemetery. Herman married a second wife, Mrs. Edna M. (Eastman) Daigle at Belfast, Maine, 2 August 1936. Edna was born at Knox in 1906, the daughter of David B. and Mary B. (Cates) Eastman.(1)

*Herman and Abbie's children (named Merriam):*

**10-45** i Frances M.[10], b. 25 Oct 1897.
ii Helen A.[10], b. 19 Jul 1900; m. Clair Anderson.
iii Adelaide C.[10], b. 27 Oct 1904, m. Joseph Simenduezer.
**10-46** iv Fred Augustus[10], b. 14 Jun 1907.
v C. Carl[10], b. 14 Mar, d. 7 May 1909.
**10-47** vi Edward E.[10], b. 4 Apr 1910.
**10-48** vii Hope N.[10], b. 24 Sep 1913.
**10-49** viii Josephine W.[10], b. 15 Mar 1916.

Note:
1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 251.

### Abbie L. Bowen[9] (Amos F. Bowen[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-141** Abbie L. married William A. Wood 29 (or 30) November 1889. They lived in Belfast, Maine.(1)

*Abbie L.'s children (named Wood):*

i Jesse[10].
ii Melvin[10].
iii Edna[10].

Note:
1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 56.

### Charles Harriman Bowen[9] (Amos F. Bowen[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-142.** Charles Harriman was born 10 October 1862 in Belfast, Maine. On 14 May 1896 he married Flora Maud Thurston. They lived in Belfast.(1)

*Charles H.'s children (named Bowen):*

i Walter L[10].
ii Sadie[10].
iii Harry[10].

Note:
1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 56.

**Ernest Elder Bowen[9] (Daniel O. Bowen[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-143.** Ernest Elder was born 24 August 1886; married Flora B. Knowlton 28 October 1914 in Belfast, Maine. She was born 25 December 1891 at Menominee, Michigan, the daughter of Claudius B. and Etta R. (Greeley) Knowlton of Liberty, Maine.

Ernest was a farmer, being prominent in local affairs. He served the town as treasurer and town clerk from 1920 to 1931 and later became justice of the peace. For many years he was a member of local and county farm organizations. As did both his parents, he worked for the *Republican Journal.*

*Ernest's children (named Bowen):*[(1)]

i Marion Clara[10], b. 11 May 1918.

**10-50** ii Lawrence Knowlton[10], b. 29 Aug 1919.

iii Elsie Ivanella[10], b. 24 Nov 1920.

iv Etta Grace[10], b. 15 Feb 1923. Following her graduation from Crosby High School in 1941, Etta G. was trained in aeronautics in Washington, DC, where she worked for the War Dept. In 1946 she worked in Germany; by 1947 she was in Shanghai serving under General Chennault in the Civil Air Transport. After serving on a far east trade mission which covered 22,000 miles, she arrived in Tokyo in 1950.

On 4 Jun 1954 at Archer, FL, Etta G. m. Dr. Eugene H. Cummings of Orlando, FL. Dr. Cummings was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Cummings of Archer. Eugene was a graduate of the University of Florida and an alumnus of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

v Ernest Daniel[10], b. 18 Sep 1924. In 1944 he was a World War II pvt. in Co. L 376th Infantry. On 22 Aug 1953 he m. Dorothy Louise DeLong who was b. at Rockland in 1927, the dau. of Harry Alfred and Flora L. (Howard) DeLong.

**10-51** vi Lois Carolyn[10], b. 4 Nov 1925.

vii Dorothy Belle[10], b. 20 Feb 1928; m. Stanley Wood.

**10-52** viii Andrew Crosby[10], b. 15 Jan 1930.

ix Phyllis Viola[10], b. 14 Mar; d. 20 Mar 1931.

x Carl Leslie[10], b. 20 Aug 1932. In 1953 he was a pvt. in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Niagara, NY.

xi Philip Ronald[10], b. 16 Feb 1934. He attended Gorham Teachers College in 1952. By 1955 he was a pvt. in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 57.

**Lenora Jane Gregory[9] (James Woodman Gregory[8], Elizabeth Woodman Gregory[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-144.** Lenora Jane was born in Carrolton, Illinois, 20 December 1857. She married Timothy Ladd Smith 7 September 1879. They moved to Beatrice, Nebraska, in 1885.[(1)]

*Lenora Jane's children (named Smith):*

i Mary Ladd[10], b. in Roodhouse, IL, 19 Nov 1880. Graduated from Beatrice (NE) High School, Kansas University and was a year at the Library School State University, Champaign, IL. She married Charles Wakefield 7 Sep 1904.

ii Florence Emily[10], b. near White Hall, IL, 2 Mar 1884; a graduate of Lawrence High School, in 1905 she was at Simmons College, Boston, MA.

iii Eugene Gregory[10], b. in Beatrice, KS, 4 Nov 1885. A graduate of Lawrence (KS) High School and (in 1905) was at Boston School of Technology.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., about 1905.

**Eugenia Loe Gregory[9] (James Woodman Gregory[8], Elizabeth Woodman Gregory[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-145.** Eugenia Loe was born south of White Hall, Illinois, 6 April 1868. She attended the Jacksonville Academy in Jacksonville, Illinois, for two years; after four years she graduated from St. Agnes in Albany, New York, in 1885. For the next ten years Eugenia traveled – to California, twice to Europe and to Bermuda. In 1895 she attended Mt. Vernon Seminary in Washington, DC followed by three years at Hahneman's (sic) Medical College in Chicago. In 1895 Eugenia returned to White Hall and purchased her deceased father's entire estate from her Uncle Albert.

On 10 January 1900 she had married William Storm Corsa at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Lawrence, Kansas. William was the son of Wm. Pinkney Corsa of the Agricultural Department in Washington, DC. After a year and a half in Chicago, where William Storm was connected with the Library Bureau, they went to White Hall. Here on the old Gregory farm they successfully bred Shorthorn cattle, Percheon horses and Berkshire hogs. In 1907 they sold a boar hog for a record $5,500.00.(1)

*Eugenia Loe's child (named Corsa):*

i Elizabeth Loe[10], b. 20 Nov 1900 in Chicago.

Note:
1. From Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Allena Loran Twitchell[9] (Celia Sanders Twitchell[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-146.** Allena Loran was born 9 May 1853. She married Charles Treat 21 September 1871. Charles died 12 November 1903. She lived in Los Angeles, California.(1)

*Allena Loran's children (named Treat):*

i Frances Mable[10], b. 20 Jul 1880; d. 24 Jul 1880.
ii Edna[10], b. 20 Aug 1882.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Ransom Loreny Twitchell[9] (Celia Sanders Twitchell[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-147.** Ransom L. was born 13 January 1855; he married Laura Kable 17 April 1879. A farmer near Lowder, Illinois, he died 5 May 1915 probably of a kidney disease.

*Ransom L.'s children (named Twitchell):*(1)

i Edith B.[10], b. 12 Feb 1880.
ii Raleigh J.[10], b. 16 Feb 1882.
iii Charles S.[10], b. 14 Oct 1886.
iv Harry A.[10], b. 31 Jan 1889; d. 9 May 1902.
v Jennie L.[10], b. 21 Oct 1891.
vi Carrie[10], b. 28 Feb 1897.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Neil Duckels[9] (Henrietta G. Sanders Duckels[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-148.** Neil was born 5 November 1871; married Fidelia Wood 7 October 1897.(1)

*Neil's children (named Duckels):*

i Dortha Truth[10], b. 16 Dec 1901.
ii Martha Neil[10], b. 13 Sep 1903; d. 18 Dec 1903.
iii Neil Wood[10], b. 3 Jan 1905.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Platt A. Sanders[9] (Charles Sanders[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-149.** Platt A. was born 26 October 1869. He married Alice McMicheal, 26 February 1891.(1)

*Platt A.'s child (named Sanders):*

i Leta M.[10], b. 13 Apr 1893.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Stanley E. Sanders[9] (Charles Sanders[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-150.** Stanley E. was born 20 August 1873. He married Myrtle Payne on 14 October 1895. They resided near Kemper, Illinois.(1)

*Stanley E.'s children (named Sanders):*

i Dean[10], b. 29 May 1897.
ii Charles Payne[10], b. 14 Feb 1900.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Clarence F. Sanders[9] (Charles Sanders[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-151.** Clarence F. was born 17 October 1877 and was called "Dick." He married Nellie Bates of Carlinville, Illinois, 27 October 1898. They lived near Kemper, Illinois, not far from Blackburn Bridge where he took up his father's business of breeding Hereford cattle. With a bull weighing 2,200 pounds, and about 150 head of cattle, Clarence F. is said to have had one of the nicest herds of cattle in central Illinois (about 1908). Clarence F. estimated he had spent $25,000.00 on his property and herd.(1)

*Clarence F.'s children (named Sanders):*

i Francis F.[10], b. 12 Oct 1901; d. 17 Feb 1902.
ii George Eldon[10], b. 4 Jan 1905.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Ola Sanders[9] (Norton Johnson Sanders[8], Deborah Woodman Sanders[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-152.** Ola was born 8 October 1876. She married Elmer E. Dana in Santa Barbara, California, 25 November 1894.

*Ola's child (named Dana):*[(1)]

i Nyda Emma[10], b. 17 May 1897.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Mary E. Black[9] (John Black[8], Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-153.** Mary E. was born 12 August 1857. She married J. Thomas Hobson 6 October 1875.[(1)]

*Mary E.'s children (named Hobson):*

i Richard T.[10], b. 7 Aug 1877; m. and lived in Montgomery Co., IL (about 1908).
ii Deliah[10], b. 29 Apr 1878; m. Ralph Sharon, 29 Jun 1898.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**William A. Black[9] (John Black[8], Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-154.** William A. was born 7 December 1859; he married Martha E. Hill 21 June 1880.[(1)]

*William A.'s children (named Black):*

i Deliah[10].
ii Clare[10].
iii Calvin[10]. One dead (sic). They resided in Norman, OK (prob. 1908).
iv May[10].
v Early[10].
vi Elmer[10].

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Alice E. Black[9] (John Black[8], Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-155.** Alice E. was born 4 July 1861. She married Isaac Clark 1 September 1881.[(1)]

*Alice E.'s children (named Clark):*

i Laura Belle[10], b. 18 Jun 1882.
ii Bernice[10], b. 24 Jul 1884.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Julia Brace[9] (Catherine M. Black Brace[8], Caroline Woodman Black[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-156.** Julia was born 1 September 1860. On 25 April 1880 she married Richard G. Fain, a well-to-do clothier in Carrolton, Illinois.[(1)]

*Julia's child (named Fain):*

i L. Brace[10], b. 24 Dec 1885.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Joseph Henry Schuyler[9] (Alfred Woodman Schuyler[8], Mariah Woodman Schuyler[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-157.** Joseph Henry was born 22 May 1859. He married Lavina Vancil 28 June 1881. She died 1 April 1904. He resided in Kampsville, Illinois.(1)

*Joseph Henry's children (named Schuyler):*

i Sarah E.[10], b. 1 Jun 1883.
ii Effie M.[10], b. 7 Sep 1885.
iii Martha Estella[10], b. 6 Sep 1889.
iv Bessie[10], b. 20 Feb 1891.
v Ruth Almira[10], b. 31 Mar 1893; d. in infancy.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Charles Henry Howard[9] (Mary Ann Woodman Howard[8], Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-158.** Charles Henry was born 18 March 1875, a coal dealer in Greenfield, Illinois. He married Ella Agnes Gilleland of Greenfield 21 June 1899.(1)

*Charles Henry's children (named Howard):*

i Guy Francis[10], b. 5 Jun 1900.
ii Eula Agnes[10], b. 26 Apr 1903.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Mary Elizabeth Howard[9] (Mary Ann Woodman Howard[8], Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-159.** Mary Elizabeth was born 5 October 1878. Married a farmer named Thomas Scott 1 September 1892. They resided near Fayette, Illinois.(1)

*Mary Elizabeth's children (named Scott):*

i Dottie Ruth[10], b. 24 Jan 1894.
ii Irene Fay[10], b. 30 Nov 1897.
iii Howard Lynn[10], b. 25 Mar 1898.
iv Raymond Thomas[10], b. 15 Feb 1900.
v Alice Elizabeth[10], b. 3 Dec 1902.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Claude C. Black[9] (Emeline Woodman Black[8], Austin[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-160.** Claude C. was born in Greene County, Illinois, 18 August 1880. He married Josie _____.(1)

*Claude C.'s child (named Black):*

i Edna[10], b. in 1904.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

## Calvin Return[9] (James Henry[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-161.** Calvin Return was born in Erath County, Texas, 9 December 1863, and went to school about three months during his early life. Called "Turner" or "Turn" by the family, he left home at eighteen and his first job was making rails for forty cents per day and board. He began breaking horses at from $125.00 to $150.00 per month, and soon proved himself an expert at it. He broke horses in all parts of Texas and down into Mexico. His father said Calvin Return "made his money and spent it in a hurry."

> James Henry told many stories about his son Calvin R. Once, Turner [Calvin Return] asked an elderly gentleman if he had horses to break and the old fellow said, 'Young man if you can ride that horse you may have the job.' Turn saddled the beautiful horse, which had thrown every man who had ever attempted to ride it, and vaulted into the saddle and the horse began. He soon found it impossible to throw the rider and started at full speed straight for a precipice. He leaped from the high bank, down to the rocky bottom of a dry river and killed himself. Calvin R. unsaddled him, went back to the corral and told what had happened and then broke the herd.
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> Another time Calvin was asked to ride a certain mule. The mule also ran for the river but this one was full of water and he took the plunge. Finding his rider seemed to like water, the mule attempted to bite. Calvin R. put his foot or stirrup into the mule's mouth; the little hollow in the steel stirrup fit over the mule's teeth. Trying to free himself, the mule turned over on his side in the water. Woodman thought he could get out without help but the stirrup was a tight fit; he saw his mule was drowning and swam back and took the stirrup out of its mouth and led him to shore. The intelligent animal seemed to realize what had happened and never again offered resistance to a rider. Calvin R. went to Greer County, Oklahoma in 1893 and took up a section as a homestead, but times were hard and he failed.
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> About this time, Calvin R. became interested in a fifteen-year-old girl who could ride a horse as well as he could. He married Lucy, daughter of _____ Meeks in Greer County, 15 March 1894. She was born in McLellan [McLennan] County, Texas, 1 October 1878. They left Greer after eighteen months and went to Erath County, Texas and lived for two years. Calvin returned to Greer County and took up a 160-acre claim and lived there four years; then purchased 160 in Hardeman County, Texas, near Quanah, where he owned something over 640 acres of fine farming land. James Henry said Calvin R.'s neighbors say they never saw such a worker. It is said he hitches three and four horses to a large cultivator and goes in a trot from morning until noon when he changes horses. If he gets sick, his wife takes the team and goes to the cotton fields and works as fast as her husband. He went so fast that in dry weather 'the dust made by his plows could be seen three miles.' He planted 150 acres of corn and cotton each year and hired no help; in addition he had large flocks of sheep and herds of stock. Calvin Return was 5 feet 11-1/2 inches in height; weighed 170. He said he did not bother either religion or politics.(1)

*Calvin R.'s children:*

i Stella[10], b. in Greer Co., OK, 1 Aug 1898.

ii Lorena[10], b. in Greer Co., OK, 8 Jan 1901.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Julia Orlena[9] (James Henry[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-162.** Julia Orlena (one list calls her Julia Pauline) was born 9 January 1867 in Denton County, Texas, and her mother died the next day. She did not attend school often, living outdoors, enjoying the freedom of the frontier. Julia O. did study under C. F. Ulmer, who later became one of the most eminent physicians in Texas and joined the Baptist Church.

On the 15th of July, 1884 she married Thomas Richardson, who was born at Stokesley, Yorkshire County, England, 28 December 1858. A son of Thomas and Mary Staley Richardson, one of a family of seven boys and three sisters, he was twenty-one when he arrived in Virginia and began growing tobacco; three years later he went to Texas. After his marriage he farmed in Texas for fourteen years.

In 1897 he went to the Rainy River Valley, Ontario, Canada, where he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres. He wrote his wife to join him at Winnipeg, Canada, which she did in the face of much opposition from her family. She enjoyed the trip very much as she spent some time in Omaha at the state fair and went down the Rainy River on a steamer. They arrived in Ontario about September 1898. At that time there was one woman and a child in the township. The Richardsons were almost the first settlers; the others having lived in the township for only two days. The valley was heavily timbered and there were no schools, church, railroads, towns, and no highways, except the river. A shack was erected where they spent the first winter, with the thermometer standing at fifty below zero. During this winter Mr. Richardson worked in the lumber camps. Julia O. said that during this time she was often so lonely she shouted to break the stillness of the forest. She also expected Indians but none came. During the winter she taught her children. They needed a physician twice in fourteen years. They cleared the timber, had it in cultivation and had a beautiful home in a well-settled country, rich in agriculture. In all, their move was a success.

Julia Orlena was a very fair lady, having auburn hair, blue eyes. Thomas was a large man with dark hair and blue eyes. He held office in the township and county and is a leading citizen there. Address Devlin, Ontario.(1)

*Julia Orlena's children (named Richardson):*

i Infant daughter[10], b. 16 Mar 1885; d. young.
ii Thomas Paul[10], b. 17 Mar 1886 near Dublin, TX and d. there 7 Jan 1888.
iii James Calvin[10], b. 18 Oct 1887 near Dublin. A fine young man well educated and refined, and a hard worker. He worked in the lumber camps on the river to defray his college tuition. He wished to return to the States.
iv Julia Media[10], b. 25 Aug 1889; d. 22 May 1890.
v Charles Roscoe[10], b. 27 Jan 1892 near Dublin, TX.
vi Crystal La Rue[10], b. 25 Jun 1894; d. 10 Sep 1896.
vii Ruby Garland[10], b. 31 Mar 1897.
viii Burris Ulmer[10], b. at Devlin, Ontario, Burris Twp., 11 Jan 1901.
ix Thomas Woodman[10], b. at Devlin, Ontario, 25 May 1903.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Alice Pauline[9] (James Henry[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-163.** Alice Pauline was born near Dublin, Texas 3 February 1872. She married James G. Lindsay at her father's home 13 July 1893. James G. was born in Bosque County, Texas, 22 May 1869.

Immediately after their marriage they went to Mr. Lindsay's farm near Stephenville, Texas, where they farmed until the fall of 1904 when he purchased a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Beaver County, near Tyrone, Oklahoma where they made many improvements. Alice Pauline was a small woman; being 5 feet in height, weighing 120; dark brown hair; grey eyes.(1)

*Alice Pauline's children (named Lindsay):*

i Infant daughter[10], b. in Erath Co., TX, 25 Mar 1894; d. and was buried in Alarm Creek Cemetery.
ii Amanda Lon[10], b. in Erath Co., 14 Apr 1895.
iii Dona May[10], b. in Erath Co., 5 Aug 1899.
iv Pearl[10], b. in Erath Co. 5 Aug 1899.
v David Franklin[10], b. in Erath Co., 4 Jun 1901.
vi Jewel[10], b. in Beaver Co., OK, 1905.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Caldonia[9] (James Henry[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-164.** Caldonia was born in Erath County, Texas, near Dublin 8 October 1874; living with her father until 1892 when she married Thomas Gentry, who was born in Arkansas. They lived on a farm near Hico, Texas. Caldonia was only 4 feet in height, dark blue eyes and dark hair, weighing but 100 pounds. She died of pellagra, 9 April 1918.(1)

*Caldonia's children – all born near Hico (named Gentry):*

i Mary Ceolia[10] (sic), b. 19 Oct 1895.
ii Floyd[10], b. 8 Dec 1896.
iii Charles Wesley[10], b. 25 Feb 1898.
iv Ruby Garland[10], b. 30 Dec 1901.
v Clarence[10], b. 26 Jul 1903.
vi Clyde[10], b. 14 Feb 1907.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Ida May[9] (James Henry[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-165.** Ida May was born near Dublin, Texas 23 October 1881. She married Lee Roberts at her father's home 25 June 1899. Lee was born in Erath Co., Texas, 20 June 1879. They spent the first two years with Lee's parents before finding a place of their own on a farm near Stephenville, Texas.

Lee was about 5 feet 11 inches tall – a well proportioned man. Ida May was 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighed 120 pounds with large brown eyes and dark brown hair, with a fair complexion.

Ida May was a constant reader and a good student of the Bible. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.(1)

*Ida May's children (named Roberts):*

i Curtis Royal[10], b. in Erath Co., TX, 29 Nov 1900.
ii Clytie (sic) Odessa[10], b. 28 Jul 1902.
iii Barton Elijah[10], b. 18 Sep 1904.
iv Nita Lou[10], b. 28 Feb 1907; d. of typhoid 6 Feb 1908.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Lucile[9] (James Henry[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-166.** Lucile was born in Erath County, Texas, 12 May 1887. Resided with her parents on the farm near Dublin until her marriage to J. Marion Gilbreath, 21 May 1905. J. Marion was born in Erath County, 25 March 1879, a graduate of the medical department of Waco Medical and Law College and Hill's Business College.

They farmed with his father for a time; later they went to a farm of their own.

Lucile was 5 feet 3 inches in height, weighed 120, with light brown hair and blue eyes; a good dancer.(1)

*Lucile's children (named Gilbreath):*

i Alta Verree[10], b. 12 Apr 1906.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Loy La Grande[9] (Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-167.** Loy La Grande was born in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois, 10 January 1873. When his father went to Macoupin County in 1887, Loy, although young, began clearing up the farm. In 1893-4 he attended college at Bushnell, Illinois, at that time a well-known college. Loy returned home and farmed with his father until January 1901.

That year Loy L. went West, first to San Francisco, then by a steamer to Los Angeles where he was city solicitor for a general merchandise house. In a few months he went to the mining town of Randsburg, California, where he applied to the owner of the mine for a job; the manager seeing his soft hands, thought he could not work. He took Loy L. on trial for a week, putting him in charge of a road-construction crew. After a week Loy was put inside the mine; later he became an amalgamator. After two years there, Loy left because of union problems and went to Search Light, Lincoln County, Nevada, where he worked in a general merchandise house for a few months. Then he took a position as chief amalgamator of the Quartette Mining and Milling Company at that place. Loy then took the same position in the new Cyrus Noble Mine in Search Light where he earned $1,500.00 per year, eight hours work, double pay for overtime; he was allowed to put in as much extra time as he wished. He also got a house, telephone, wood, and water. Loy paid seventeen dollars per cord for wood; three dollars per barrel for rain water. During the winter months when they had the annual rains of the desert, Loy built water troughs to catch all the rainwater possible. People who had lived a lifetime on the desert wondered what the Yankee was doing. Having demonstrated the perfection of the method, nearly everyone began saving the precious water. Most of the drinking water was brought fifteen miles from the Colorado River. It is said Loy was one of the best rifle shots in that state and owned the finest shotgun in southern Nevada. He and his wife often hunted quail, which were very plentiful near the river.

In 1904 Loy returned to Illinois for the World's Fair in St. Louis and married Anna Emmeline, daughter of William Dickerson, 10 November 1904 at the Presbyterian Church in St. Louis. She was born 19 September 1875, near Womac in Shaw's Point Township, Macoupin County and was one of the best educated, having attended Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, and Western Normal College.

After their marriage they went to Search Light. By then Loy La Grand owned several houses and lots there as well as property in other towns and cities; he dealt in real estate, buying and selling. By 1924 Loy La Grand was on a ranch near Visalia, California. When his father died in 1929 Loy inherited twenty acres in Tulare County, California.

Loy La Grand's half brother, Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Loy La Grand is rather small being but 5 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 140. He has very black curly hair, brown eyes and smooth shaven. While going to college he was considered one of the best athletes there. He was adept at football, baseball, and boxing as well as wrestling and jumping. While there he made a run and jump of twenty feet and four inches . . . Loy L. attended many social affairs and was considered the best dancer in the county. He has waltzed with a saucer of water on his head, which refused to tip or spill during the waltz. A few years after leaving home he won the prize at a ball in Los Angeles, California, as best dancer. Mr. Woodman is also a musician of some account. He is best on the mandolin but of some good on the violin."

Loy La Grande was a Democrat and a member of the Mt. Nebo Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, at Carlinville, Illinois. Loy L. died on the ranch 12 August 1940; Anna died there 22 August 1941. Both are entombed at the Visalia Mausoleum.(1)

***LeGrande Burdette Woodman***

*Loy La Grand's children:*

i La Grande Burdette[10], was b. 19 Sep 1905 in Searchlight, NV. La Grande was an attorney in Visalia. He d. in an auto accident 15 Feb 1941 and had never married. He is buried with his parents. He had brown eyes and brown hair.

ii La Zelle Bonita[10], was b. 22 or 23 Oct 1909 in Searchlight. She m. Johnny Jaussand 2 Feb 1942 (or 23 Oct 1942) in Reno, Nevada. Johnny, a pharmacist and owner of a drug store, d. 20 Aug 1973. La Zelle d. 12 Aug 1982. They are in the Visalia Mausoleum. Since she had no children, she is said to have willed the family ranch to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Note:

1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley and Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; will of Elijah Franklin Woodman.

## Commodore Beecher[9] (Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-168.** Commodore Beecher was born in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois, 16 Jul 1877. In 1887 he was taken to Macoupin County where he attended the district school. In 1894 he attended Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, and the following winter attended Bushnell College.

Commodore B. farmed with his father until 1900 when he got into the retail grocery business. Later he bought a farm near Hettick, South Palmyra, Macoupin County where he farmed for one year. He sold the farm at a profit and moved to Shipman, Illinois, where he farmed and entered a partnership in a wholesale poultry house in Bunker Hill, Illinois. He bought a small well-improved farm in Bunker Hill with a fine two-story house, numerous convenient buildings and good soil, one and one-half miles from Bunker Hill. He was an intensive farmer giving special attention to his poultry, dairy and garden.

On 26 February 1902 Commodore B. was married in Carlinville by Judge Keefe, to Mattie May, daughter of W. R. Walton. She was born near Womac, Macoupin County, Illinois, 2 May

1884, a very pretty lady with black hair and blue eyes who was quite a musician.

It isn't clear when Commodore B. went to California, but he inherited twenty acres in Tulare County, California from his father in 1929. When his stepmother, Regina, died in 1936 Commodore was living in Oakland, California.

His half brother Elijah Franklin, Jr. wrote, "Commodore is one of the handiest people imaginable. He can make or fix anything fixable, delights in machinery, and has often made miniature corn planters and threshing machines which worked. He is also an excellent musician and that is his hobby. To the best of my knowledge he owns every kind of musical instrument which has strings on it even to an Italian harp, which he made himself, and learned to use. He plays a banjo and sings the accompaniment to a Negro melody as easily as any – also a violinist, pianist, in fact plays anything. And is an excellent singer. He used to enjoy dancing very much, I suppose he would yet, only he has become a member of the Baptist Church. It is quite entertaining to listen to Commodore and his wife exhibit their musical talent. He is also very good as an artist – especially mechanical and architectural drawing.

"He is like his brother," Elijah Franklin, Jr. continued, "quite small, being 5 feet 5 inches inches in height and weighs 140; black hair, brown eyes; always in a good humor, in fact, a happy easy man. Member of Modern Woodman, which is his only lodge." Commodore B. died 27 July 1946.(1)

*Commodore Beecher's children:*

**10-53** i Gilbert Ralston[10], b. 18 Nov 1902.

**10-54** ii Verna May[10], b. 2 Dec 1907.

**10-55** iii Burl (Beryl?) Udell[10], b. 18 Feb 1912.

Note:

1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley and Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; obituaries of Elijah Franklin and Regina Woodman.

**Elijah Franklin, Jr.[9] (Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-169.** Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., was born 6 September 1887 on his father's farm in Bird Township, Macoupin County, Illinois. Frank, as he was called by his family, spent a quiet childhood there. He attended Woodlawn School where he graduated in June 1902 with a grade average of ninety-three and one-eighth. This was followed by courses at the Litchfield Business College where, in 1904, he graduated at the head of his class.

He farmed with his father until 30 September 1908, when he married Gladys Olive Costley in Springfield, Illinois. Gladys Olive was born 26 March 1888, the daughter of Andrew J. and Frances (Cope) Costley of Polk Township. During the next seven years Frank operated a mercantile store at Comer, Illinois. Frank and Gladys had a daughter, Elma Frances, who was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, 22 October 1910.

But his was an unhappy union. Gladys left Frank 7 February 1914 and they were divorced 18 July 1916. In a letter to a friend, Frank wrote, "My first wife ran away with a grocery clerk — quite a slam. Left our little girl for me to care for."

About 1915, he returned to farming with his father and in the spring of 1919 his cousin, Elijah Earnest, from Oklahoma visited him in Illinois. During that visit Frank noticed a picture on Lige's bureau of a young, pretty girl. That pretty girl was Miss Effie L. Stevenson of El Reno, Oklahoma, and on 28 April 1919, Frank wrote his first letter to her. She promptly replied and for the remainder of the summer they were in constant communication by letter. In August of that year, Frank journeyed to El Reno where they met for the first time. They married 27 August 1919 — only

a few short days after he arrived there.

They traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, and while Effie stayed with Frank's sister, Gratia, Frank went to that locality in Missouri known as the "boot heel" looking for a farm to buy. Frank wrote Effie from Campbell, Missouri, "Barn is fair only. No fences. House is snug only. But place in rundown shape. But soil – O Boy! and in a community best ever. This land don't drain so good as some but can be dry cheaply! And no timber. I can spend $3,000.00 on it and sell in three years for $25,000.00, easy. That's $10,000.00 above crops we make. We'll build a small bungalow next September with lights, bath, toilet, easy. Only it's sure a hell of a place to look at today."

Frank, Effie and Elma moved to this farm and there they began a sad, gut-wrenching monumental struggle for financial security which they were never to achieve. In 1920, the house burned. They were without insurance, and for a time they lived in an old chicken house on the farm in the most primitive circumstances. Their business papers for the remainder of their time together reflect a series of loans, renewed notes, borrowing on insurance policies and delinquent taxes. Their personal correspondence is filled with many references to bills, and a lack of money.

After a time, they rented a house in Campbell, Missouri, and Edward Bryce, their first child, was born on 6 January 1921. Frank rented the farm and soon "took to the road" selling typewriters for the Remington Company. Frank seemed to be a good salesman and would rank high in the continuous "sales contests" the company conducted, but they seemed never able to get ahead. The years after World War I, leading up to the Depression, were financially turbulent ones, and the common people suffered greatly. Wages were low, and prices for farm products were low and uneven.

In a letter to a friend, Frank wrote: "Last year I lost my bungalow and lots of Woodman data (genealogy). Took sick for first time in life and laid abed during crop time until almost lost crop. Then fall came and our cotton fields that were worth $200.00 an acre in August dropt [sic] until we could not get enough to pay for picking, let alone seed, etc. Corn so very cheap and everything else we raised. Made it quite a rough deal. I also didn't have insurance on home — how's that?"

Frank's job caused him to be away from home almost continuously, and while he worked diligently, he wrote to Effie; "I wish to God, worse than ever, I had a chance to live on the farm and actually farm. My boys could help me do things and be with me all day. If it was not for the money needed — I'd do it. Damn anything one does not love, if one has to do it. I do not think any job ever would pay me money enough, or position exalted enough, to take the place of the joy I feel in hearing the hum of the reapers, the soft squish of the plow as it cuts the furrow, the yank of the lines over a good team's back, or the sight of the cows slowly feeding toward the house for milking, the joy of the new pigs, etc., and the chickens. Maybe you will never love it, or thrill to it — but I ALWAYS WILL. I had rather sit and watch a sassy squirrel playing than see Mary Pickford. I see more beauty in the early sunrise than any painting ever on canvas. But bosh, until I get out of debt I'm tied."

Frank was a man with many deep and strong feeling about almost everything. He cared passionately about Effie, his children, farming, hogs, politics, and genealogy. He was never a man to take the middle of the road, and often fired off letters to the large St. Louis newspapers and to the city fathers of Campbell, Missouri, to advise them of his position on current issues. When Frank applied for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution he wrote, "I am 6 feet tall and weigh 170; brown wavy hair, gray eyes, very fair." Under hobbies he wrote, "Peculiar — I don't hunt nor fish. Love horses, good stock, and pets of all sorts — and children. Am excellent, born mathematician. Fond of nature, and agricultural pursuits and possibilities; yet prefer writing to all else." And then, to my delight he wrote, "May I add, I do love a standing broad jump. Can do ten feet, six inches, heel to toe, without weights." Frank was a dreamer and a romantic who had a keen

sense of drama. He often referred to his first ancestor in America as "Edward The Emigrant," and to his father, who spent his early youth plowing virgin land, as a "prairie breaker."

In his notes, Frank wrote, "An elderly relative, whom I had never seen, was coming to visit, and my father and I began discussing this relative and his ancestors. This was in 1904, in my father's house. And I was fascinated. I made some notes that very evening." Thus began his life-long interest in genealogy. For the rest of his life he searched for his ancestors and hoped and planned to write a book. He sent out notices in 1909, and again in 1921 and spoke of the book incessantly. But the book was never to be, for he was never able to raise the money to finance it or complete his research.

*Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.*

Roger Stevenson Woodman, their second son, was born 30 January 1924, and Frank continued his hard, lonely life on the road. In the fall of 1925 he applied to the Remington Company for a field territory in Oklahoma. After so many years working the same country territory in Illinois he felt he needed a change and he thought Effie, "would like to live near her people again."

They moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, probably in January of 1926, and lived with Effie's mother while Frank tried to settle their affairs in Missouri. In a long letter to Effie from his new territory in Oklahoma he wrote:

> I love you, Stephenheart! Whether or not you are losing confidence in me as a winner or a husband or whatnot — I cannot say. I do know — never in my life have I needed your sturdy confidence and faith more than now. I am down here ten miles from Texas, and cannot say how I will get home. No train over to Chickasha, but I think I can bus over to Ardmore and come into Oklahoma City. I am confident that to earn $200.00 here (Oklahoma territory) will require as much effort as to make $300.00 in Illinois. Steve, I just cannot stand it much longer. I swore two years ago I'd stick it out awhile — sacrifice everything, and have — but I want my home, no matter how common — my boys every day, and my wife. I want to eat her cooking — see her patch my clothes and learn to talk to her. Sweetheart — my God — it just makes me feel mighty funny to know you can, and would talk to anyone with ease, and have nothing to talk to me about.
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> Have been thinking a lot. I don't know exactly what job I could handle and stay at home and earn $50.00 weekly. What?? Insurance? Real Estate? You spoke of working. That is not pleasant for me to think but it might become necessary. But it also means I'd be without a wife, and children without a mother, and home without being a home, and no chance of babies in future years. Does not sound good. I do not want you to consider clerking. So I'd actually rather live on $125.00, without anything except that, and be home, than to be away all the time, sacrificing everything worthwhile in life — losing all my ideals of women, beauty, and love, and romance and goodness. GRADUALLY. It is doing me wrong. I fight it and could cry for my rights. But I'm going to ask you and your mother to discuss it; then

> tell me. Show me the thing I can do better than most men with a future in it. I'll get into it somehow. First thing I know — I'll lose you and have you telling me, 'Frank I want to be honest and I've just forgot how to love you. I have met another one who completely fills my mind and I want him.' I never want that. Physical wants I could stand, but not your heart.

It seems their finances were in such disarray when they left Campbell, Missouri that they could not – or were not allowed – to move their belongings. Frank wished to recover them for use in Oklahoma.

> I've been figuring just what our furniture and stuff was actually worth to us. I had a notion to get every fellow we owed to levy on it — let them sell every damn bit of it and call it square. I am not going to send money up there to Campbell and then have someone else do it once again. I told Hall to be sure before he paid it, that it was going to be shipt [sic] out without molestation. These things worry and drive me nutty. I'll bet money I fix things in future until nobody devils me or you. I presume everyone I ever owed will ride me until I am entirely out of debt. If they keep it up — I'll sure do something to relieve the pressure. But I don't want to do it before collecting off of Tompkins and Remington, and borrowing every dime I can on my insurance. Then they can chew bones.
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> I am going to hunt a trade in the city [Oklahoma City] for the farm, soon as spring comes. I'd trade it for anything worth $500.00 up. I can lose all I paid into it if someone will assume the mortgage on it. I want you to THINK — then talk these things over — we have to arrange life somehow, shortly, and keep it arranged. I want to take root somehow.
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> Dear, I dreamed of seeing the coffin of father's first wife last night; her keep sakes, etc. Strange dream, eh? I can just see you dressed up and how nice you look. And I never see one more beautiful. Sometimes it hurts me until I truly wish I did not love you.

Effie was much happier in her hometown with her family close by, and her letters to Frank are filled with church activities, women's clubs and the children.

Frank borrowed money from his father and several weeks later Frank wrote, "I fixed papers that will get us out of Missouri." At this time they bought a house at 902 South William in El Reno, and he continued, "if luck holds good for March, we will be all right anyhow. And I can get more of father if needed. We are going to move in — Glory be. I'll fix gutter, have plumber fix leaks, turn on water and gas and lights, buy paint, do as you want — and fix garden and work some on car. I can save $50 by doing it myself."

Frank may have returned to his old sales territory in Illinois or Missouri, for the following February, while on the road, he collapsed in Poplar Bluffs, Missouri, and was operated on for a ruptured appendix. He returned to his home in El Reno, but he did not recover. After a lingering illness and another operation, this proud man, who more than anything longed to be a writer and a farmer, and to spend each day with his little family, died, at 7:20 a.m. on 29 June 1927, aged thirty-nine years, nine months and twenty-three days.

Effie Lavona Stevenson Woodman was born in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, 13 August 1899. She was the daughter of Edward Clay Stevenson, who was born 22 October 1878 in Tennessee, and Mildred Elizabeth (Tyra), who was born 4 December 1880 in Texas. The family moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, and she was living there at 118 South Miles when she married Frank.

She was educated in the Oklahoma public schools through the eight grades and high school. She liked school and had an uncommon talent for art; all of her life she appreciated pretty things — but particularly, she loved color.

Effie was a pretty young girl and remained attractive even into her old age. She possessed a fine disposition; she was rather quiet, was calm and serene, and she very much disliked conflict. Effie was a firm believer in God and treasured all the womanly virtues of children, home and hearth. On 29 July 1927, at not quite twenty-eight years of age, she found herself a widow with two

small sons, a sixteen-year-old stepdaughter, and a mountain of debt. She and Frank had known each other eight years.

Frank's father forgave her the debts and with insurance money she received after Frank's death, she and her brothers, Roy and Bob, opened the Stevenson Grocery Store. She left the store in 1937 and in Oklahoma City, 21 November 1936, she married "Doc." He was Bert Ellis Carder, a chiropractor from El Reno, Oklahoma, who was born in Arkansas City, Kansas, 23 July 1885 — a man but seven years younger than her father. They built a fine house at 503 South William in El Reno, and they had one son, Kent Ellis Carder. In 1946, Doc suffered a paralytic stroke, and from that time, to his death in 1957, he was confined to a wheelchair.

Following Doc's death, Effie did much volunteer work in the Baptist Church, and traveled a great deal. She led a happy life then, but even as an old lady, a poem, or a few words, would remind her of Frank and quick tears would come to her eyes. She toured Europe in 1963 and kept a notebook. On 27 August 1963 she wrote in her book, "Today is my and Frank's wedding anniversary. Forty-four years ago Frank and I started our honeymoon. Who would have dreamed, on that day so many years ago, that forty-four years later I would be in Brussels and Frank would have left us so long ago – thirty-six years. So Sad!"

Effie died of cancer on 6 April 1970. She was buried in El Reno, Oklahoma, beside Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. and Bert Ellis Carder.(1)

*Elijah F. and Glady's child:*

**10-56** i Elma Frances[10], b. 22 Oct 1910.

*Elijah F. and Effie's child:*

**10-57** ii Edward Bryce[10], b. 16 Jan 1920.

**10-58** iii Roger Stevenson[10], b. 30 Jan 1924.

Note:

1. From business papers, diaries, obituaries and personal correspondence of Frank and Effie (Stevenson) Woodman.

### Josephine Maria[9] (Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-170.** Josephine Maria was born 4 August 1889; she married Stanley N. Wilson 14 February 1915. They lived in Carlinville, Illinois, where Stanley died 2 November 1952; Josephine died 29 August 1955.(1)

*Josephine M.'s child (named Wilson):*

**10-59** i Howard Woodman[10], b. 2 Mar 1919.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Howard W. Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

### Anna Orlene[9] (Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-171.** Anna Orlene was born 5 June 1892. On 18 November 1915 she married Harry Christopher Daley who was born 21 March 1891, the son of Louis Patrick and Minnie (Keep) Daley. Harry was in real estate and owned a car agency. He dabbled in politics, spending two terms as mayor of Carlinville, Illinois, and eight years as a member of the Illinois State Assembly.

Anna was executrix of her father's estate and was a business woman much of her life. She was still living in 1994, aged 102, in a nursing home in Litchfield, Illinois.

*Anna O.'s children (named Daley):*

**10-60** i Mariann (Billie)[10], b. 18 Sep 1917.

**10-61** ii Louis Henry (Hank)[10], b. 21 Dec 1919.
**10-62** iii Elijah Woodman[10], b. 2 Apr 1925.

Note:
1. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley, Gillespie, IL, about 1983.

## Lola Temperance[9] (Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-172.** Lola Temperance was born 3 February 1895 in Bird Township, Macoupin County, Illinois. She married Orin Clausen Keplinger 7 October (or November) 1917 in Carlinville, Illinois. Orin died 12 July 1970.(1)

*Lola Temperance's children (named Keplinger):*

**10-63** i Orin Clausen, Jr.[10], b. 7 Nov (or Oct) 1918.
**10-64** ii Eugene Welden[10], b. 2 Nov 1920.
**10-65** iii John Woodman[10], b. 2 Dec 1928.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; notes of telephone conversation with Howard Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

## Gratia Pauline[9] (Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-173.** Gratia Pauline was born 10 April 1897. On 29 May 1919 she married Albert Grandison Brown of St. Louis, Missouri, who was born 25 June 1895 in St. Louis. They lived in St. Louis for many years. Gratia P. spent her last years in Connecticut (probably at Essex); Albert G. may have been dead before she moved there.(1)

*Gratia P.'s children (named Brown):*

i Paul Woodman[10], b. 19 Oct 1920. He m. Elizabeth Brady Howard probably 1 May 1942. His second wife was Mrs. Maxine McClung whom he m. 5 Aug 1950. Paul W., an engineer, d. without children perhaps around 1975.
**10-66** ii Bettyjean Alberta[10], b. 24 Sep 1922.
iii Robert Charles Elijah[10], b. 19 Mar 1926. At one time he lived in Westport, CT.

Note:
1. Anna Woodman Daley; news clipping of Gratia's wedding; D.A.R. application of Bettyjean A. Brown Metz; list of heirs of Regina Woodman Trust.

## Lula May[9] (Charles Calvin Gregory[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-174.** Lula May was born in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois, 31 October 1874. When quite young she went with her parents to Neosho County, Kansas. After receiving her diploma, she attended Normal School in St. Paul, Kansas, and earned a certificate to teach.

As a teacher she gave great satisfaction, especially to one pupil, Sherman Roseberry, whom she married at her parents home near St. Paul. Reverend R. M. Glass of the M. E. Church conducted the ceremony on 18 February 1896. Sherman was born in Crawford County, Kansas, 24 March 1872.

They farmed near St. Paul, Neosho County for six years; when her health became poor they went to California, by way of Texas. While enroute the train was wrecked at night; cars caught fire and twenty-five humans were cremated. By great effort Sherman climbed out a window, reached inside the car and took Lula May and their daughter out, without injury, but all their baggage was

burned. They visited relatives in California until the fall of that year when they returned to a farm in Wilson County, Kansas, where they lived two years. Mr. Roseberry afterwards took a position with the M. K. & T. Railway where he rose through the ranks. About 1908 they lived at 1422 Stevens Avenue, Parsons, Kansas.

Lula May was 5 feet 3 inches in height and weighed 100 pounds; grey eyes and dark brown hair. They were members of the M. E. Church. (1)

*Lula May's children (named Roseberry):*

i Edith Marie[10], b. in Neosho, Co., KS, 5 Nov 1898.
ii Arthur Sherman[10], b. in Wilson Co., KS, 11 Jun 1903.
iii Donald Ernest[10], b. Parsons, KS, 9 Jul 1905.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1908.

## Gracie Mabel[9] (Charles Calvin Gregory[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-175.** Gracie Mabel was born near St. Paul, Neosho County, Kansas, 12 August 1881; graduating from public schools at sixteen.

She married on 30 September 1902 to Charles Robert Coyle at her mother's home near St. Paul. Charles R. was a farmer born near Hale, Missouri, 20 September 1881. They lived on their farm eight miles south of St. Paul, Kansas, about 1908. Gracie Mabel was 5 feet 3-1/2 inches in height; weighed 110 pounds; dark brown hair and grey eyes.(1)

*Gracie Mabel's children (named Coyle):*

i _____ b. 17 Mar 1907, near St. Paul, KS.

Note:
1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., 1908.

## Oran (Ora) Ardious[9] (Hiram Return[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-176.** Oran Ardious Woodman was born 30 December 1870 in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois.(1) When Ora was very young the family wandered constantly, led by the ever-restless father, Hiram Return, who seemed always to be looking for new land and new chances.

The family left Illinois and was in Scott Township, Bourbon County, Kansas by 1880, near, or at, Ft. Scott.(2) But the U.S. Census, taken but once every ten years, could never record this family's movements. From Illinois to Kansas, back to Illinois, down to Texas, back to Kansas, back down to Texas.(3) By 1892, Ora's father had land in Chandler, Oklahoma Territory.(4) By early 1896 Ora got married.

He married Maud Irene Garner there in Chandler, Lincoln County, 16 February 1896.(5) Ora's brother Claudia Gold, witnessed the ceremony. Maud was born in Kansas in December of 1873, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Goings) Garner.(6) Thomas Garner, the son of Samuel and Charity (Moon) Garner, was born 5 June 1850 in Indiana. He died 12 June 1934 in Lawton, Oklahoma. Mary Ann was born 17 September 1852 in Indiana and died 5 January 1934 at their home ten miles north of Lawton, Oklahoma. Thomas and Mary Ann are buried in Highland Cemetery in Lawton.

On 25 February 1899 Maud bought five lots in Chandler at public auction, lots which they sold later for a profit. The 1900 U.S. Census listed Ora and Maud as living in Chandler next to his parents. On 9 October 1906 Ora got a Land Patent of 160 acres in Comanche County, Oklahoma

Territory near Lawton; that same day he sold part of the Patent to his brother Claudia G. for $1,000.00 Within six months he had sold forty acres of the grant to his parents for $500.00 and forty more to Laura West for $700.00. In six months Ora had made $2,200.00 profit from a Land Patent, and still had, I think, forty acres.(7)

Although Ora had gotten his patent of land he was never meant to be a farmer. "I dont see how you can stay on a farm," he wrote to his cousin, "it is too slow for me your money dont come fast enufe for me I never pland a day in my life I dont like that kind of a life I ayles rent my places out and in the fall I will bye them out or trade them something for their years work and in that way it dos not coust me mutch. last year I bought a spain [span] of poneys form and [from an] indian for $25, in muney I keep them for abit [about] 6 week got them fat and traded them for a cotton crop hired it picked and after it was all over I had $320.00 clear my wife has went to school some and they cant cout [count] her out of any thing I have good luck in traiden."(8)

Ora longed to do something other than living on the land and had begun to fantasize. By 1900 a book had been published containing an account of Ora's fictional life. Ora's imagination had run wild, for almost none of it was true. He told that it was supposed that he was born in west Texas sometime before the Civil War. That he had been stolen by the Comanche Indians as a very small child and the government had never been able to find what happened to his parents. He had been raised by the Indians who taught him warfare and all their survival skills. They called him "Two Braids," he said. After the Indians were sent to the reservations, the book continued, Ora went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where the soldiers there gave him the name of Ora A. Woodman.

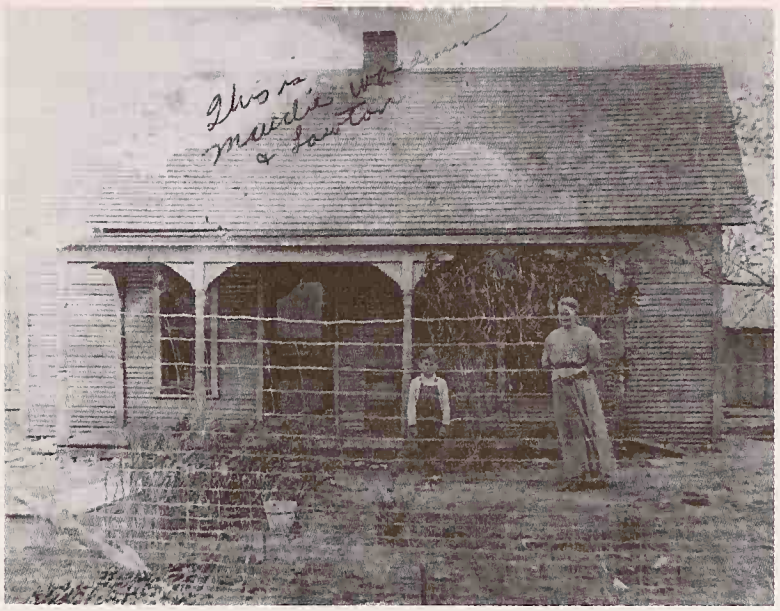
The story endlessly details how Ora led new settlers to safety through Indian Country, became a Deputy U.S. Marshall, served as a scout for the Army. He was, he said, elected marshall of Chandler, Oklahoma, where he cleaned out all the outlaws, including the Cook gang. Then, the story concluded, Ora began traveling the country with the Wild West Show.(9)

That part of the book was not fiction, Ora really did join the shows which were made up in Oklahoma around the turn of the century. Oklahoma had been Indian Territory until the government allowed white people to settle on the free land, first in 1889, and again in 1893. Many people in the United States had never seen an Indian and considered them a great curiosity. When entrepreneurs realized they had a state full of Indians whom people would pay to see, they organized grand productions of cowboys, horses, Indians, covered wagons and firearms and began traveling from town to town much like a circus and even across the Atlantic to Europe where they were seen by royalty. They presented outdoor dramas representing conflicts between the Indians and the first settlers in the West. Riding their fast horses, Indians in wonderful costume with long war bonnets fired their rifles while they surrounded the settlers in their covered wagons. The American people, most of whom lived in a rural setting at that time, were enchanted. Not only did the show fire their imagination about one of the most colorful and dangerous bits of our country's history, it was often the first live theater they had ever seen. These were called "Wild West Shows," and audiences loved them. The audience wasn't alone in loving the shows; Ora loved them too. He had solved his problem of boredom with farming by becoming "Two Braids" in the great outdoor dramas.

As time passed, Ora had begun to change. Now, in real life, he began to assume the character he had been playing in the shows. Now he was posing as the brave frontier scout who had been raised by savages. Now, it seems, he began to believe these stories himself; his imagining had become real. Even with his family he began to carry out this charade. As time passed he began to distance himself from his folks and his past. To the hurt and bafflement of his family, Ora became someone they were unable to understand or know.

In July of 1907, Ora was appearing in a Wild West Show in Munhall, Pennsylvania, just outside Pittsburgh. He wrote to his Illinois cousin, Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr, of all the wonders

***Far left in back row—Ora Woodman***
***At left in front row—Pansy, Zella and Maude (Garner) Woodman***




***Maude (Garner) Woodman and son Lawton***

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he had seen. It is a most disingenuous letter. In it he tells of being invited to dine at the house of a rich man. Ora claimed that there, for the first time in his life, he saw silverware, china with painted flowers that wouldn't wash off and a piano. "They yused white knifes and forks I be live they called them silver," Ora wrote. "I dont know now and they hade little toils [towels] that they put in a ring at ever plate and dishes with flowrs on them they toled me that the flors would not weair or wash off . . . I told them that we had flours on the playns but we never hade them on our tin caups or tin pains . . . When we got to the table and set down," Ora rambled on, "every bodey looked down and shut their eyes I seen this for I looked arund then a old woman said some thing abut god. god I dont know what it was . . . A young lady came in," Ora continued, "went to a big pice of furnishur raised up the lide and set down and begin playing some thing and singing . . . you may beet I have never went a way [from the show] since. I would sooner been at my own camp eating raw meat and talking to the indians then at a rich place like that."(10)

More and more Ora savored the attention he received from the audience. From Pennsylvania he wrote, "newspaper men was at my heails for a munt [month] be for I would talk to them people went craisey over me. they would read their paper then come and see me and my indians and talk for ours at a time."(11)

Ora and Maud probably were living next to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, when Ora finally totally succumbed to his need for attention from the public which had gone so "craisey" for him. Leaving Maud and their three small children to suffer many privations, he went off to be Two Braids. But Ora returned to Fort Sill, now and then, and visited the struggling family. Once as he was leaving, he asked his eldest daughter, Pansy, who was about ten at the time, to accompany him to the gate. When Pansy failed to return the family realized Ora had "stolen" her.

In a state of alarm, Maud left her daughter, Zella, with her parents in McMaster Township in Comanche County, took her baby son, Lawton, with her and set out immediately to find Pansy and to bring her home. One family member believed Maud's search lasted for three or four years; another says five and one half years! It is not clear when this event happened but Zella, age seven, was listed as living with her grandparents in 1910.(12)

Pansy's daughter wrote, "When he took her away . . . she [Pansy] rode in rodeos and the circuit for years. They slept and ate and lived with the Indians and any place they could in Oklahoma and Texas. Ora called her "Nucki" and said she was Indian. He would not let her call him anything but "Uncle Kit." [He] dressed himself and her in buckskin clothes and lived like Indians.

"If she opposed him in any way she was whipped with a quirt. She even had a scar above her eyebrow where he hit her with it one time," Pansy's daughter said.(13)

In the fall of 1908 a newspaper in San Antonio, Texas, reported that the owner of a traveling horse show was claiming to be the long-lost Tommy Stringfield whose parents were massacred by Indians forty years before, while he, as their four-year-old child, had been carried away. This Tommy, also known as "Two Braids," the article continued, and his little half-Indian daughter "Nucki" were performing in the area so they could earn enough money to mark the graves of Tommy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stringfield. These performers, of course, were Ora and little Pansy.

Now what had happened was that in 1870, in McMullen, County, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Stringfield were massacred by a band of Mexicans and Indians. Their eight-year-old daughter, Ida Alice, was savagely attacked and left for dead; the two sons, Adolphus and Tommy, were kidnapped.

Somehow Ida Alice survived her dreadful wounds and was raised as an orphan. She married William Hatfield, and spent much of her life worrying about her two missing little brothers, not knowing their whereabouts or if they were dead or alive. As she got older Ida Alice also realized that her father, at his death, had owned about 600 head of cattle, three dozen horses, ranching

*A Wild West Show in an amusement park probably in Pennsylvania*

*Ora Woodman*

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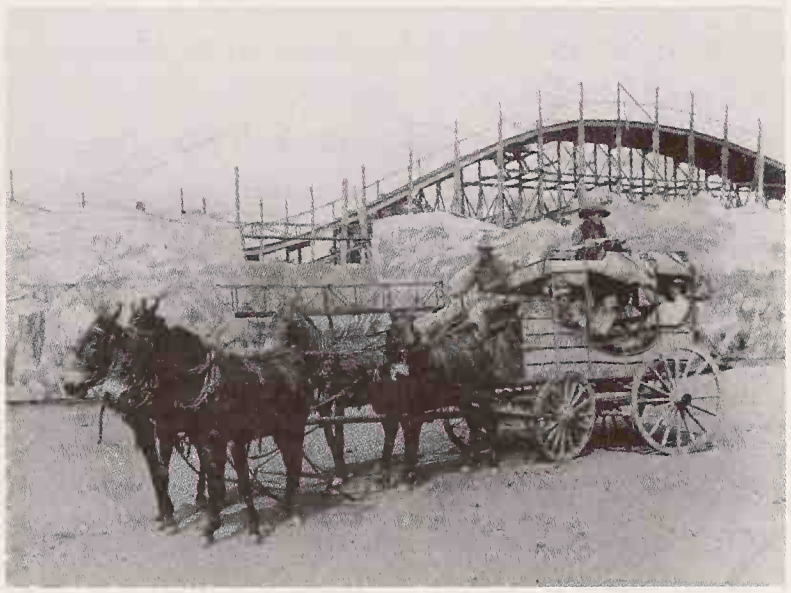


*Wild West Show*

*Wild West Show, Ora Woodman at far right*

*Wild West Show, Ora Woodman at far left*

equipment, and property; as his only heir, she had received nothing from his estate.

It wasn't only Ida Alice who realized she was entitled to her parents' estate. Ora must have realized that if he successfully claimed to be Tommy Stringfield, he could get half of it. He must also have realized that by claiming to raise money for a tombstone for the dead parents after all those years, he would gather a great deal of attention and sympathy.

Ida Alice met with Ora and he stayed with her for a while but she came to believe he was a fraud – that he was not her young brother Tommy. An investigation by Ida A. and her family identified Two Braids as Ora A. Woodman born in Fort Scott, Kansas and that Nucki was Pansy Woodman. It was just about that time that Ora was arrested in Wilson County, Texas, and returned to Oklahoma where he was charged with taking mortgaged horses to Texas.(14)

Then Ora wrote a book. He called it *Captured By The Apaches—Forty Years With This Savage Band of Indians, a True Story,* by "Two Braids" (Tommy Stringfield). "Taken Captive in 1870 and liberated in 1909," he wrote. "I have tried to make this book a straight-forward account of the things I write about, as they appear to me, a white man with the education and ideas and loves of an Indian."

In July of 1909, this book goes, an old dying Apache called Ora to his side and told him that he (Ora) was really a white man. Fearing to take such a dreadful secret to his grave, the old man confessed to Ora that they had killed his parents (the Stringfields) when Ora was very young. The Indians had kept Ora and named him "Two Braids." This was the first time Ora learned his true identity. Armed with this information, Ora continued, he set out to find his true past. This was how he found Ida Alice Stringfield.

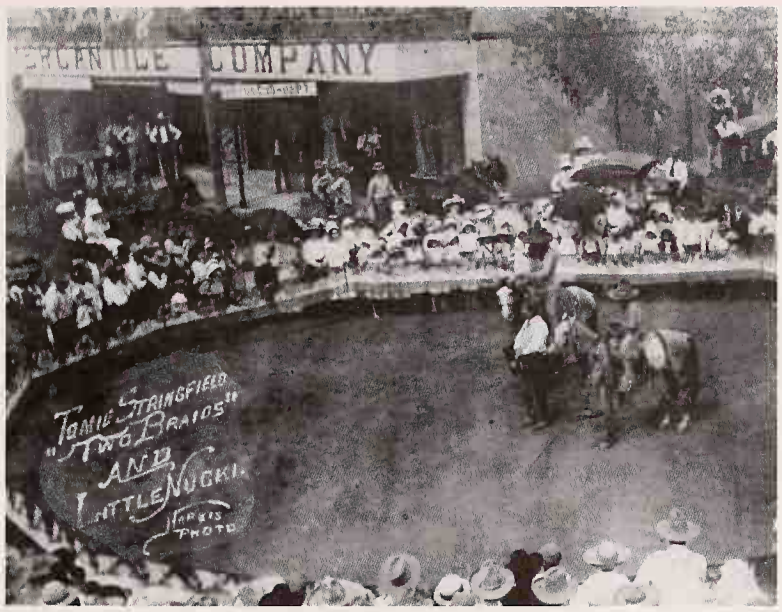
In this book Ora explained his alliance with the Woodmans, how he came to be called Ora Woodman, by saying that a missionary gave him to the Woodman family. "Although I was about grown," he wrote, "they treated me and talked to me as if I were a child only five or six years of age. When I was given to them, each of them made a promise that they would never tell the secret, that I was to take the name of Ora A. Woodman, and they would never tell anyone but what I was their child."

Ora also told of his marriage to Maud Garner and how they had separated because he could not leave his old tribal ways. "I am 45 years old," the book ended, "and unfitted for the ordinary occupation of this life by my nomadic career among the Indians."(15) No one, it seems, believed Ora's stories.

After her long search of many years, Maud finally found little Pansy and took her back home and somehow the children grew up. It is said that later Maud went to New Mexico, where aided by a cousin, she made a homestead. When she was old, Maud went to live with Pansy in San Jon, New Mexico, where she died of cancer 23 August 1928 and is buried.(16)

It isn't clear where Ora was for some years, but he showed up in Roswell, New Mexico in 1931 and lived there the rest of his life. Undaunted by his failure to convince folks he was Tommy Stringfield, and never at a loss for a few good lies, he began building his reputation in Roswell.

Most of his stories were the same old fare, but with a few new additions. He was, he said, the nephew of the famous frontiersman, Kit Carson. Ora claimed to have been born 7 August 1858 at old Fort Union, New Mexico. He had been a stagecoach driver, helped capture Geronimo in 1886 while scouting for the U.S. Cavalry and participated in both the Spanish American War and the Philippine Campaign. For much of his life, he said, he had suffered from an arrow wound in his hip which occurred during the last Sioux uprising up in Montana. Furthermore, he said he had trapped, mined and hunted over much of the West. Ora told how, in an Indian wedding ritual, he had married a young Apache bride named Little Wild Rose. (In The Stringfield book Ora said his bride was an Apache named Bright Moon, daughter of a famous medicine man. Another time he said his bride




***Tommy Stringfield "Two Braids" and Little Nucki (Ora Woodman and daughter Pansy)***

***Pansy Woodman known as "Little Nucki"***

***Ora Woodman***

***Lawton Woodman***

***On left—Pansy (Woodman) Bertram and her daughter Zella Pauline (Bertram) Beckworth***

was a Taos tribe member.) But, he said, his lovely bride had died in 1902 leaving him with a little daughter, Nucki. But Nucki, who had been a wild, free little girl, he said, died when she was fourteen as a result of being shut up in school all day.

Dressed in buckskin and a wide-brimmed hat, with his wild untrimmed, untamed hair and beard, Ora attracted much attention. As each year passed, his reputation in the town grew; they called him "Uncle Kit Carson."

Writers from newspapers and magazines came to interview Ora and he was invited to appear at conventions and frontier day parties. He was asked to address the Lions Club and the Business and Professional Women. Now at town celebrations he met the governor, rode in the big parades and was featured at Roswell's fairs. "Uncle Kit Carson Gets Started for 100 Years," headlined the *Roswell Daily Record* on Ora's 99th birthday (he was really eighty-seven).(17)

The town looked at him with some wonder. They embraced him to their imagination and found a place in their hearts for him. All the early frontiersmen were dead; only Uncle Kit was still living. He alone could remember their country when it was raw and empty, wild and dangerous. He was the last of the old-time scouts, they thought wistfully and fondly.

Ora died 25 October 1957. When the family belatedly heard the news they rushed to Roswell for the funeral, arriving at the grave site in the middle of the service. At some point Ora had changed religions, so the ceremony was a Catholic one. Now Ora's daughter Pansy, the "Little Nucki" of so long ago, who was sixty by now, was stunned by the ancient Latin liturgy. She probably had a strong feeling that if this old man was scheduled to appear before his maker he had better be armed with more than a service like that. So she stepped to the edge of the grave and prayed for Ora's soul. "It was the most beautiful prayer you ever heard," said a granddaughter who was present. Now it was the town's turn to be stunned. Who were these people?

Ora had married again in 1944 and perhaps for a third time (though this last is not certain), but none of those people were at the funeral. So as the ceremony came to a close, realizing they were the only family present, they tried to claim a few pictures from Ora's pitiable meager belongings. Someone called the police. Ora had been so successful in his role as the lonely old scout, Kit Carson, that not one person there would believe they were really his family – not even the police. So even in death Ora's role-playing had prevailed. On his last day above ground he had won again, had denied they were his family. So, tired, humiliated and mad they jumped in the car and took off for home. What in the world, they wondered, would make a guy act like that?(18)

The make-believe world of Ora Woodman had finally ended. What had caused him to spend much of his life as an impostor? Perhaps his family's nomadic ways when he was very young had something to do with it. And it had never been his nature to enjoy a life of security and certainty. "I never pland a day in my life," he had written in 1907, "I don't like that kind of life." And life on the farm was too slow for Ora; "Your money dont come fast enufe for me," he said. But money hadn't come very fast in the show business, either. No one remembers Ora ever being much more than a pauper. The only evidence that he ever had a traditional job is an assignment and identification card issued to W. K. Carson in Roswell, New Mexico on 29 November 1933 permitting him to work as an unskilled laborer in one of the national reemployment programs sponsored by the government during the great depression. It is said that his little house there in Roswell was really just a shack.

Maybe Ora had just come by his lying ways honestly; his mother had been no stranger to tall-tale-telling. Early census records show Samantha (Mantie) Miller was born in 1850 in Illinois, the daughter of James A. and Edy Miller who were both born in Kentucky.(19) But by the time Mantie died on 2 October 1943, her obituary gave her age as 102. She had been born in London, England, 27 May 1841, it continued, and her parents had smuggled her aboard a year-long voyage to America in a sailing ship when she was a month old. She had witnessed every war America had

except the Revolution and the War of 1812, the article continued; Mantie had lived through the terms of twenty-two of the thirty-two presidents. Upon their arrival, Mantie's family settled south of Springfield, Illinois where Abraham Lincoln was one of her teachers![20]

Ora's father, Hiram Return died in August 1921; in 1926 Mantie married Frank E. Rogers who was born in 1874. Twenty-four years older than the groom, the seventy-six-year-old Mantie gave her age as fifty-three![21]

Mable Pitman Woodman Hickerson who was born in 1910 said, "I remember Ora. I was quite young and living in Gould, Oklahoma with the Oscar Edwin Woodman family because my parents were dead. Ora was an old man by then and in poor health. I used to get cool water for him. He had traveled for years with the Wild West Shows, and being a kid, that fascinated me. And he told us stories. For years he claimed he was the real Kit Carson.

"But Ora was pitiful," Mable continued, "he had no education at all. I think he had a little place out by Tucson, but I'm not sure. He used to just come walking in to Gould [Oklahoma]. He didn't have a horse or a car and I'm sure he hadn't come by train. None of that stuff about living with Indians and being a guide is true – he was in the Wild West Shows. I never knew what happened to him."

Mable's sister Opal Pitman Woodman Britt was born in 1914 and lived with the William Woodman family. She, too, remembers Ora. "He used to come visit us with his big dog. We would build a campfire out in the yard and he would tell stories. He performed in circuses and fairs and called himself Kit Carson." Like Mable, Opal was very young and enjoyed seeing him. As the girls grew older, they realized Ora could not be telling the truth.[22]

Ora had deserted his wife Maud leaving her with three young children to raise. Maud had struggled to bring them up and they were very poor. Her grandchildren felt sorry for Maud and hated the hardships he had caused his children, Zella and Pansy (their mothers).

When Maud was old she lived with Pansy and Pansy's thirteen children in San Jon, New Mexico. Pansy's daughter, Iona Bertram Hutchins remembers Ora's visits to them after Maud was dead. "When Uncle Kit as we were told to call him, came to New Mexico to live at our house he was to me, as a child, a mean person. He destroyed all pictures of my grandmother and a lot of others that he could get his hands on. Also he would take food and go to the cemetery and bury it at my grandmother's grave. We kids were all afraid of him. Partly because of some of the stories he told us when mother or dad were not around."[23]

Iona said when they were little, Ora used to hide behind a door when he saw them coming in and try to slam the door on them. Once, she added, he found them making mud pies and forced them to eat them all. "We kids were sick for several days," she said.[24]

While others might be amused by stories about an impostor, it is not so funny when it is ones' own grandfather. The first requirement for pretending to be someone else is to renounce ones' family and Ora's children and grandchildren, deprived of a father and grandfather, found this painful. His appearance and eccentricities were humiliating and his lying was embarrassing. To this day, though much time has passed, some of his grandchildren feel resentment.

If being Two Braids and Uncle Kit Carson had been a lark for Ora – it had not been a lark for his family, and when he died he left no fond memories of himself behind. "He was the world's biggest con-man," said one grandchild. "He was the world's biggest liar," said another.

*Ora's children:*

i Pansy Viola[10], was b. 6 Jan 1897 in Chandler, Oklahoma Territory.[25] Pansy married Charles Bertram in Oklahoma and went to New Mexico (it is said they traveled there in a covered wagon). They lived in San Jon until they moved to Albuquerque in 1940.

Pansy's daughter, Iona Bertram Hutchins wrote of her difficulty in writing about Ora, and

in the process praised her mother. "It's hard to write about things that my mother not very often expressed to us. She told we kids if you can't say good about someone don't say anything! And she really tried to be that way herself."(26) Charles died in Clovis, New Mexico in 1963; Pansy died in Albuquerque in 1968 and is buried there.

**10-67** ii Zella Pauline[10], b. 11 Jun 1902.

iii Lawton A.[10], b. 15 Jul 1906 in Lawton, Oklahoma Territory. He was probably the one called "Skip" in Ora's letter written in July 1907.

When Lawton applied for a Social Security account number 28 Nov 1936, he was working for the Panhandle Carbon Co., Inc. in Borger, TX. He m. Sadie Sharp of San Jon, NM. Betty Alice Beckworth Miller visited Lawton in 1979 or 1980 where he was living in Ceres, CA, near Modesto. He had lived in Alaska around Anchorage. He told her that he had done research on the family.

Betty Alice said Lawton was a big man, about 6 feet 2 inches tall with gray curly hair. He d. soon after her visit. He had five daughters, but she did not know their names.(27)

Ora's granddaughter told me that the Chavez County Historical Museum in Roswell, New Mexico had a section devoted to Ora and his papers.

One granddaughter had once visited the museum and tried to tell those in charge that this man was her grandfather and that he was a fraud. She was angered and hurt when they chose to ignore her advice without even one question. She said they believed he was a true early frontiersman, that he had been a scout for the Army, had helped capture Geronimo, had helped tame the West. In other words, they believed all of Ora's old lies and presented him as a true early man of the West.

In October of 1991, I talked to the Museum Director, David Orr, of the Roswell Historical Society. I advised him that I was ready to make a presentation to them which would prove Ora was not what he claimed. I spent about two weeks preparing a presentation which would leave little, if any, room for them to doubt me. The director said he was submitting the material to Elvis Fleming, Historical Archivist of the museum. Elvis Fleming, Professor of History at the University advised me that my presentation was correct. That, indeed, Ora was a fraud.

Notes:

1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley, born June 1892.
2. 1880 U.S. Census, Scott Township, Bourbon Co., KS.
3. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.
4. Lincoln Co., OK Land Registry Probate Deed Book 1, pp. 515-16.
5. Lincoln Co., OK Marriage Book 1, p. 457.
6. 1900 U.S. Census Chandler City, Lincoln Co., Oklahoma Territory; *The Lawton Constitution,* Lawton, OK, 5 Jan 1934 and 13 Jun 1934.
7. Lincoln Co., OK Tax Deed Book 1, p. 415; Lincoln Co. Quit Claim Book 1, p. 252; Lawton, Comanche Co., OK Land Patent Book 37, p. 293; Lawton, Comanche Co., OK Deed Book 61, p. 495, Book 48, 144 and Book 7, p. 77.
8. A letter to Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr., from Ora Woodman, Munhall, PA, 26 Jul 1907.
9. J. L. and Ellen Puckett, *History of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and Homeseekers Guide,* Chieftain Publishing Co., Vinita, OK, 1906, pp. 73-95.
10. Letter from Ora, 26 Jul 1907.
11. Ibid.
12. Telephone Conversations with Betty Alice Miller 1 Oct 1990 and Iona Hutchins 28 Sep 1990, granddaughters of Ora Woodman; 1910 U.S. Census, Comanche Co., OK, McMaster Twp.
13. Letter from Iona Hutchins, 1991.
14. *True West,* Jan-Feb 1974, pp. 15, 56, 57; *True West,* Oct 1982, pp. 6-7; an unidentified piece called *The Stringfield Massacre.* All of the above furnished by Pam Beckworth.
15. "Two Braids" (Tommy Stringfield), *Captured By The Apaches, Forty Years With This Savage Band Of Indians,* Herald Print, Hamilton, TX.
16. A telephone conversation with Iona Hutchins 28 Sep 1990; Death Certificate of Maud.
17. *Roswell Daily Record,* Roswell, NM, 9 Aug 1957; *The Desert Magazine,* "Uncle Kit, Frontiersman," Georgia B.

Redfield, Jun 1945, pp. 17, 18, 19; *Roswell Daily Record,* "Uncle Kit Carson's identity questioned," Elvis E. Fleming, 10 Aug 1987.
18. Telephone conversations with Betty Alice Beckworth Miller and Iona Bertram Hutchins 28 Sep 1990, 1 Oct 1990, Aug 1991.
19. 1850 U.S. Census Jersey Co., IL.
20. *The Lawton Constitution,* 3 Oct 1943, pp. 1, 8, Columns 1 and 6.
21. Comanche Co., OK Marriage Book 16, pg. 563, Lawton.
22. Several telephone interviews in the summer of 1990 with Mable Pitman Woodman Hickerson; a telephone interview with Opal Pitman Woodman Britt, 28 Sep 1990.
23. A letter from Iona Hutchins, 1991.
24. A telephone conversation with Iona 28 Sep 1990.
25. Pansy's application for a Social Security number, 21 Apr 1939.
26. A letter from Iona Hutchins, 808 W. 6th St., Ogallala, NE 69153, 1991; telephone conversation 28 Sep 1990.
27. Lawton's application for a Social Security number; a telephone conversation with Betty Alice Miller, 1 Oct 1990.

## Frederick Platt[9] (Hiram R.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-177.** Frederick Platt was born in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois 9 December 1872. He moved with his father numerous times. In 1873 they were in Kansas; in 1874 in Illinois, 1876-77 in Texas; 1877-1885 in Ft. Scott, Kansas; back to Texas, etc.

About 1891 he married Nellie May Hall at Crindrey (sic), Iowa. By the time they separated in 1898 they had four children and Nellie kept them.

Frederick Platt moved down to Lincoln County, Oklahoma, for about a year. By late 1900 he returned to Nellie where she and the children were living with her parents in Garden City, Kansas. After a year together, during which time Nellie had another child, they divorced.

In November 1902 Frederick P. married Oca Cook of Garden City. After that he seemed to have no permanent address – just moving from city to city. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. said Frederick Platt was an artist who made a great deal of money.

Frederick P. had very black hair, brown eyes and was nearly 6 feet tall. He died of paralysis at Lasaumac (sic), California 9 November 1908.(1)

*Frederick P. and Nellie's children:*

i Chester[10], b. 1892 (?) in IA.
ii Herman[10], b. 1894 in IA.
iii Claude[10], b. 1896 in IA.
iv Dewey[10], b. 1898 in MO.
v Robert[10], b. 1900 in Garden City, KS.

*Frederick P. and Oca's child:*

vi Russel Clato[10] (or Clate), b. 1904 (?).

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

## Claudia Gold[9] (Hiram R.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-178.** Claudia Gold was born 25 September 1875 in Zanesville, Montgomery County, Illinois.(1) By the age of five his parents had taken him to Bourbon County, Kansas.(2)

On 10 November 1897, Claud G., who was living in Sofka in Indian Territory, married eighteen-year-old Laura Freshour. (Sofka was a small town located about three miles west of Bristow, Oklahoma in Creek County. Its post office was there from 27 August 1894 to 14 December 1897. Named from "sofka," a thin Indian gruel of the Creek Indians, the town no longer exists).

Laura, who was from Stroud, Oklahoma Territory, was born 28 January 1879 in Maryville,

***Painting Company of Claudia Gold Woodman***

Blount County, Tennessee, the daughter of William W. and Lydia (Chambers) Freshour.(3)

Claud and Laura must have lived in Kansas a short time where their first child was born.(4) But by 9 October 1899 Claud G. had bought land in block seventy-three in Chandler, Lincoln County, Oklahoma Territory.(5)

On 9 October 1906 Claud G. paid his brother Ora $1,000.00 for land in Comanche County, Oklahoma Territory.(6) On the twenty third of July 1915, Claud G. bought forty acres from his father and three days later married Mrs. Anna Robinson in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma.(7)

There is no record of what happened to Claud G.'s first two wives, but by 2 July 1919 when Claud G. sold to his children, Jimmie Leona and William Claud, the land he bought from his father, he was listed as a single man.(8)

For his third wife Claud G. married Bonnie Powell in 1926. It was she who survived him when he died 26 June 1935 at his home at 1306 G. Avenue in Lawton.

Claud had been a painter, working mostly in Lawton and Fort Sill. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church there for twenty years. In his obituary he was described as a man with a quiet disposition. He was buried in Highland Cemetery close to his parents.(9)

*Claud G. and Laura's children:*

i Madge Lidy[10], b. 25 Aug 1898 in Ft. Scott, KS. She m. Clyde Hull 22 Feb 1915. When Claud G. d. in 1935 Madge was called Madge Woodman Herbert of Fletcher, OK. In 1943 she was Mrs. Madge Herndon of Paris, TX.(10)

ii Blanche Mantie[10], b. 15 Aug 1901 in Chandler, O.T.; d. 17 Aug 1901.

iii Jimmie Leona[10], b. 29 Sep 1904 in Ft. Scott, KS. (called a dau. in the obituary). In 1943 she was called Mrs. Owen Gaines of Okemah. She and her brother William bought land from their father in 1919.(11)

iv William Claud[10] bought land from his father in 1919. When his grandmother Mantie d. in 1943, William was a corporal stationed with engineering troops in Fort Dix, NJ. At that time William had his father's old home at 1306 G. Ave. in Lawton.(12)

*Claud G. and Bonnie's children:*(13)

v Imogene[10], b. 1927.
vi Herbert A.[10], b. 1929.
vii William E.[10], b. 1931.

Notes:

1. Anna Woodman Daley; Claud's gravestone.
2. 1880 U.S. Census Bourbon Co., KS.
3. Marriage Book 3, p. 71, Lincoln Co., OK.
4. 1900 U.S. Census Lincoln Co., Oklahoma Territory
5. Lincoln Co., OK Deeds 5:506.
6. Lawton, Comanche Co., OK, Deed Book 61:495.
7. Ibid., Book 151:602; Lawton, Comanche Co., Marriage Book 8:367.
8. Ibid., Book 5:506.
9. *The Lawton Constitution,* 27 Jun 1935, p. 2, Column 3; Claud's gravestone.
10. Lawton, Comanche Co., OK, Book 8, p. 267; Mantie Woodman's obituary in *The Lawton Constitution,* 3 Oct 1943, pp. 1, 8, Columns 1, 6.
11. Ibid.
12. Ibid.
13. *The Lawton Constitution,* 27 Jun 1935.

## Eulalie Sims[9] (Americus JosephineWoodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-179.** Eulalie was born 6 March 1871 in Sacramento, California. She married John Campbell, an orange farmer near Visalia, California.(1)

*Eulalie's children (named Campbell):*

i Veda Grace[10], b. 13 Sep 1895; she never married.
**10-68** ii Earl Sims[10], b. 4 Aug 1897.
**10-69** iii Loy Woodman[10], b. 30 Apr 1899.
**10-70** iv Rene McFadzean[10], b. 11 Sep 1900.
**10-71.** v Retha Eulalie[10], b. 24 Dec 1902.
vi John Carr[10], b. 13 Aug 1907.
**10-72** vii Dale Keegen[10], b. 22 Feb 1910.

Note:

1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

## Volney Adrian Sims[9] (Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-180.** Volney Adrian was born 24 July 1875 at Farmersville, California. He married Etta Schoultz Purvine 8 June 1904. She was born 18 March 1880 near Visalia, California. Volney died in Springville, California, 16 December 1950; Etta died 6 January 1962 at Exeter, California.(1)

*Volney A.'s children (named Sims):*

i William[10], killed in auto accident.
**10-73** ii Vernon[10].
**10-74** iii Winifred Martha[10], b. 4 Aug 1911.

Note:

1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; Winifred Sims Barnes' application for membership in the D.A.R.

**Josephine Sims[9] (Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**8-181.** Josephine was born 30 April 1878; 5 January 1899 she married J. Moore Northern, an orange grower near Lindsay, California. She was 5 feet 9 inches tall with brown eyes.

*Josephine's child (named Northern):*

i Josephine Elizabeth[10], b. 1 Aug 1902; m. 1st Gordon Reynolds; divorced: m. second Charles Dunn; m. 3rd to Samuel Stephens of TN. Josephine had a daughter Josephine 4th[11] who m. Robert Purtle of Lindsay and Tulare, CA (I do not know which husband was the father).

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Lenora Sims[9] (Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-182.** Lenora was born 29 January 1880. Lenora (Nora) married Joseph Norval Hines of Exeter, California, 27 October 1903, they were orange growers near Visalia, California.

*Lenora's child (named Hines):*(1)

i Eleanor[10].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Avah Edith Sims[9] (Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-183.** Avah Edith was born 12 March 1882. Avah married Norman Harden, a mechanical engineer on 7 August 1904. They lived in Stockton, California, New Mexico and Visalia, California.(1)

*Avah's child (named Harden):*

**10-75** i Robert[10].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Commodore Woodman Sims[9] (Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-184.** Commodore Woodman Sims was born 26 January 1886; he married Neva Woods of Farmersville, California. Her home was in Ft. Scott, Kansas.(1)

*Commodore's children (named Sims):*

i James R.[10], lived on father's ranch.
ii Agnes[10], m. Mr. Moran; lived Visalia, CA.
iii Mrs. Francis Todd[10] (sic) of Sacramento, CA
iv Melva[10], b. 25 Mar 1909 of Fresno, CA.

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Benjamin Clare Pearman[9] (Orlena A. Woodman Pearman[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-185.** Benjamin Clare was born near New Hope Church in North Litchfield Township, Montgomery County, Illinois 31 March 1876. In 1898 he worked in the fruit harvest in California; eighteen months later he went to Silver King, Arizona.

Benjamin C. spoke of his life in Arizona, "I lead a cowboy's life for four years and was on a ranch for two, the remainder of my time in mining." He married Ethelyn, daughter of W. T. Cummings of Tempe, Arizona, on 6 September 1904.

*Benjamin Clare's child (named Pearman):*

i A daughter[10], b. 26 Sep 1905; d. Jul 1911.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Myrtle Estelle Pearman[9] (Orlena A. Woodman Pearman DeHart[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-186.** Myrtle Estelle was born in Butler Grove, Illinois, 6 September 1879. She married Arthur D. Weston, an orange grower near Visalia, California, on 26 January 1898 at her mother's home.

Myrtle E. was said to be an intelligent, kind-hearted lady and an excellent musician.(1)

*Myrtle Estelle's child (named Weston):*

i Austin I. b. 21 Jun 1900.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Harry Edgar Davis[9] (Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-187.** Harry Edgar Davis was born 15 June 1875 at Litchfield, Illinois. He took a job in Coweta, Oklahoma, in 1909 to install the city water system and remained in their employ until the Public Service Company of Oklahoma came to Coweta; he worked for Public Service until his health failed about 1937.

He married Bertha Holloway 4 June 1911. Harry E. joined the Christian Church in 1913 and was a long-time member of the I.O.O.F. and M.W.A. Lodges until he died 18 March 1941 at his home.(1) He was buried in the Vernon Cemetery in Coweta.

*Harry E.'s child (adopted, named Davis):*

**10-76** i Goldie[10].

Note:
1. Harry E. Davis obituary and other information sent by Mary Ann Cash Winters of Stillwater, OK.

**Nora E. Davis[9] (Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-188.** Nora E. was born 15 February 1879 in Kansas. She married Thaddeus W. Newell 27 October 1895 in Lincoln County, Oklahoma Territory.

On 27 December 1910, Nora E. died in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California. She died of "heart failure super-induced by child labor." A curious note on Nora's death certificate says the "Church of God refused medical treatment." Nora's death certificate records that Nora had been in

California only two weeks before her death.(1)

*Nora E.'s children (named Newell):*

i Earl[10].
ii Gracie[10].
iii Leta[10].

Note:
1. Nora E.'s death certificate and all other information furnished by Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

**Bert Auti (Bertie) Davis[9] (Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-189.** Bert Auti (Bertie) was born 21 October 1883 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. He married Ethel Mae Fisher. In 1941 he was mentioned in his brother Harry E.'s obituary and lived in Fortuna, California. Bert died 12 May 1852 in Humbolt County, California. In 1964 Ethel was living in Woodland, California, according to the obituary of Bert's brother Gordon James.(1)

*Bert Auti's children (named Davis):*

i William Paul (Jack)[10].
ii Edith Opal[10], m. _____ Gilbert.
iii Desmond LeRoy (Roy)[10].
iv Gordon Edward[10].
v Eugene[10].
vi Dorothy Mae[10], m. _____ Thompson.
vii Kenneth Dale[10].
viii Leslie Burt[10].

Note:
1. Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

***Delbert Leroy Davis***

**Delbert LeRoy Davis[9] (Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-190.** Delbert LeRoy was born 1 November 1886 in Independence, Sycamore Township, Montgomery County, Kansas. In Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma he married Eva Mae Klingaman who was born 2 November 1893, the daughter of William (born in Ohio) and Barbara (Snyder) (born in Ohio) Klingaman.

Delbert L. was foreman in a cotton gin; his occupation was a "linterman." His last address was 137-1/2 W. 5th St. in Bristow, Oklahoma. However, he spent his last two years, six months and five days in the Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanitarium, in Buffalo Township, Latimer County, Oklahoma where he died of tuberculosis of the lungs 10 January 1944 (address for hospital is Talihina, Le Flore County, Oklahoma).

Eva May died 29 October 1959 in Pauls Valley, Garvin County, Oklahoma. She and Delbert L. are buried in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma.(1)

*Delbert L.'s child (named Davis):*

**10-77** i Ruth Marie[10], b. 1 Sep 1914.

Note:
1. Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, O.K.

**Gordon James Davis[9] (Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-191.** Gordon James was born 15 April 1889 at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas.(1) He married Addie Evans 6 July 1915 in Lewiston, Idaho. Addie was born 29 January 1897 in Oaksdale, Washington.

Gordon J. and Addie probably spent much of their married life in Kellogg, Idaho, where he was a shift foreman for the Bunker Hill Mining Company, said to have mined silver, lead and zinc.

Following his retirement, they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, about 1951 where they lived at 14th and Anne Street until Gordon J. died three days after Christmas in 1964 of a heart attack. He was buried in Restlawn Memorial Park.

Addie lived on for sixteen years. She was living at 212 E. Harrison Avenue in Coeur d'Alene when she died 3 January 1980 in the Kootenai Memorial Hospital. Addie was buried beside Gordon J.(1)

*Gordon James' children (named Davis):*

i Roll Lee[10], m. Fran _____. In 1980 he lived at Hayden Lake, ID.
ii Kathryn[10], m. Jack C. Adams. In 1964 she lived in Fresno, CA. She d. in 1978.
iii Ruth[10], m. Arne Paananen. In 1980 Ruth lived in Sequim, WA.
iv Lois[10], m. Claude A. Stierwalt. In 1980 she lived in Coeur d'Alene, ID.
v Jacqueline[10] (Jackie), m. George McCloud. In 1980 she lived in Seattle, WA.
vi Myrtle[10], m. Edwin Doty. In 1980 she lived in Pinehurst, ID.
vii Corene[10], m. Tom Slater. In 1980 she lived in Goleta, CA.

At the time of Addie's death in 1980, she and Gordon J. had fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Note:
1. Death certificate and obituary of Gordon James Davis and obituary of Addie Davis all sent by Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

**Virgil Nelson[9] (William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-192.** Virgil Nelson was born 19 October 1893 in McKinney, Texas. He married Vera Wanda Johnson Duvall of Gould, Oklahoma, who was born 21 October 1901 in Gould, Oklahoma Territory and died in November 1977. Virgil died 4 July 1947.

They went to Donna, Texas, down in the Rio Grande Valley and spent their lives there.(1)

*Virgil Nelson's children:*

**10-78** i Virgil Nelson, Jr.[10], b. 26 Aug 1924.
**10-79** ii Vena Mae[10], b. 17 Jan 1926.
**10-80** iii William Charles[10], b. 8 Aug 1932.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene M. Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Anna Florence[9] (William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-193.** Anna Florence was born 19 September 1895 probably in Greer County, Oklahoma Territory. On 23 May 1916 she married Carl Dewey Fraser who was born 19 May ____. Anna died in 1979; Carl died the following year. They lived their entire life in Whitehall, Illinois.(1)

*Anna Florence's children (named Fraser):*

**10-81** i Eloise Bernice[10], b. 29 Oct 1920.
**10-82** ii Alleta Marie[10], b. 5 Oct 1924.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene M. Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Izora Temperance[9] (William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-194.** Izora Temperance was born 8 October 1897 probably in Greer County, Oklahoma Territory. Izora, called Zode by her family, married _____ Smith. She lived in Hollis, Oklahoma.(1)

*Izora T.'s children (named Smith):*

i Cecil[10].
ii Dorothy[10].
iii Thornton[10].
iv Oliver[10].

Note:
1. Notes from telephone conversation with Opal Pitman Woodman Britt, Rockford, IL, 29 Sep 1990 and William Benjamin Woodman, Godfrey, IL, 29 Sep 1990. Izora's birth date from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

**Mamie Elizabeth[9] (William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-195.** Mamie Elizabeth was born 26 August 1899 in Gould, Oklahoma Territory. She married William Albert Meyers who was born in Carlinville, Illinois, on 12 August 1899. Mamie E. died 10 February 1969; William Albert lived on until 9 August 1991.(1)

*Mamie E.'s children (named Meyers):*

i William Anton[10], was born 17 Dec 1922 in Hollis, OK. He m. Emma Dalton and they had an adopted son. In 1991 he lived in Seattle, WA.

**10-83** ii Albert Franklin[10], b. 31 Mar 1925.
**10-84** iii James Leroy[10], b. 12 Oct 1929.
**10-85** iv Charles Edward[10], b. 20 Feb 1932.
**10-86** v Minnie Bernice[10], b. 12 Sep 1935.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

### James Roy[9] (William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-196.** James Roy (may have been James LeRoy) was born 19 October 1903 at Carrolton, Illinois. In 1932, in Carrolton, he married Opal Pitman. Opal was born 23 September 1914 in Gould, Oklahoma, the daughter of Oscar and Lottie Pitman. She was about four years old, living out in Colorado when her parents died during the great outbreak of influenza in 1918, leaving five orphaned children under the age of eight. Separated from her brothers and sisters, Opal had been raised by James Roy's parents.

But, like his father, James Roy had a restless, roving nature and Opal left him in 1955 after twenty-three years. She married Edward Britt who died in 1975. James Roy spent his last years doing odd jobs in construction. He died in 1985 and is buried in Alton, Illinois. Opal lived in Rockford, Illinois in 1991.

*James Roy's children:*(1)

**10-87** i William Benjamin[10], b. 2 Mar 1935.
**10-88** ii James Roy, Jr.[10], b. 8 Mar 1936.
iii Izora Ann[10], b. 1938 in Hollis, OK. She m. Dave Musy. In 1990 she lived in Rockford, IL. She had one son and one daughter.
iv Peggy Lou[10], b. 1939 in Gould, OK. She m. William Wolfe. In 1990 she lived in Alton, IL.
v Dorothy Marie[10], b. Sep 1940 in Hillview, IL. She m. David Warner. In 1990 she lived in Brockport, NY.
vi Deborah Sue[10], b. in 1954 in Wood River, IL. She m. Mr. Yates. In 1990 she lived in Winnebago, IL and had two children.

Note:
1. Note of telephone conversations with Opal Pitman Woodman Britt, Rockford, IL, 28 Sep 1990 and William Benjamin Woodman, Godfrey, IL, 28 Sep 1990.

### Jess Oscar[9] (William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-197.** Jess Oscar was born 9 November 1906 in Gould, Oklahoma Territory. "He was born in a sod house," said his daughter Shirley Ann. For a short time when Jess was young he was married to Dorothy Qeitz.(1) In Cleveland, Ohio, in 1931, he met and married Irene Marie DeOrio, who was born 7 April 1912 in London, England, the daughter of Fortonia and Bertha (Sandler) DeOrio. Fortonia, born in Italy, had brought his family to the United States in 1917.

Irene died 1 August 1944 in Alton, Illinois, after thirteen short years of marriage, and was buried in Oklahoma. Jess married Elizabeth Ayers in Alton, Illinois, who was born 7 March 1925, the daughter of Lee Roy and Frezia Ayers of Fieldon, Illinois.

Jess O. had a colorful life. For a time he had been a policeman, and was once lightweight boxing champion of Cleveland. He developed an auto-body repair business and three of his sons joined him in that venture.

Jess died 25 January 1974. But before he died he had the bodies of his mother and father, his

wife Irene, and his infant daughter Virginia exhumed and buried in a family plot in Alton, Illinois. Elizabeth (Betty) remarried, living in Alton in 1991.(1)

*Jess and Dorothy's child:*

i Nancy Ann[10], has never married. In 1990 she lived in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

*Jess and Irene's children:*

**10-89** ii Jess Oscar, Jr.[10], b. 24 Oct 1932.

**10-90** iii Shirley Ann[10], b. 18 Feb 1935.

**10-91** iv Dina (Diana) Marie[10], b. 2 Oct 1936.

**10-92** v Irene Marie[10], b. 29 Sep 1939.

*Jess and Elizabeth's children:*

**10-93** vi William Leroy[10], b. 27 Jun 1945.

vii Virginia Janet[10], b. 18 Oct 1948; d. 19 Oct 1948 in Hollis, OK.

**10-94** viii Paul Eugene[10], b. 20 Jan 1950.

Note:

1. Note from telephone conversation with Opal Pitman Woodman Britt, Rockford, IL, 29 and 30 Oct 1990; telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1990 and with Irene Marie Besaw, Ferguson, MO, 8 Oct 1990 and 14 Jan 1991; letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

## Cora[9] (Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-198.** Cora was born in March 1891 in Texas. She married John Crouch. She was living at the time of her mother's death, in 1952. She died in Gould.(1)

*Cora's children (named Crouch):*

i Lahoma[10], m. Pauline Tarkington, adopted a boy he named Roy.

ii McGregor[10] (Mack), m. did not have children. He d. at Gould, OK.

Note:

1. 1900 U.S. Census Greer Co., Oklahoma Territory; *Planning the Route,* Vol. 2, Harmon Co., OK History Book, Oklahoma State Historical Society, p. 425.

## Roy Albert[9] (Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-199.** Roy Albert was born in October 1892 in Gould, Oklahoma Territory. He married Jennie Ellen Morris, the daughter of Lemuel M. and Virginia Fern (Baker) Morris. He and his father raised thoroughbred race horses. He died in Hollis, Oklahoma.(1)

*Roy Albert's children – born in Gould:*

i Charles Eugene[10], m. 1st wife Ruth Hughes. He m. second wife Ollie Hooper. They lived in Gould.

ii Ray Walton[10] (Jack), m. 1st Mary Mello; he next m. Helen Poeple (sic). They lived in El Paso, TX. He d. 1989.

iii Lemuel Oscar[10] (Jelly), never married.

iv Mable Beatrice[10], m. Jodie Hancock and lived in Nacona, TX in 1990.

v Doris[10], m. Jack Williams and lived in Romoland, CA. In 1990 Jack had d. (in CA); Doris was still living.

vi Virginia Etna[10], m. 1st James Harpole. She m. a second husband Joe Parker and lived in Romoland, CA.

vii Ruby Gladys[10], m. Preston A. (Snooks) Warren and lived in Denver, CO.

Note:

1. 1900 U.S. Census Greer Co., Oklahoma Territory; 1910 U.S. Census Harmon Co., OK; *Planning the Route,* Vol. 2, p. 425.

**Elijah Ernest[9] (Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-200.** Elijah Ernest (called Lige by his family) was born 27 September 1894 in Collin County, Texas.(1) Elijah went to Illinois for a time and worked in a grocery store with Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. Elijah carried the picture of a pretty girl to Illinois with him. Elijah Franklin, Jr. was so taken with the picture he began courting the girl by mail – and married her.

Elijah Ernest was a soldier in Company B, 132nd Machine Gun Battalion in the 36th Division, World War I and wrote the following letter:(1)

Dear mother and father:

Will write just a few lines tonight. I am in the hospital at present. I was shot through the left arm above the elbow, my arm was broken but I am getting along fine, will be able to get up in a few days. I have been here almost two weeks and tonight is the first night I've felt like writing to any one.

We get the best of care here, they have good Doctors and nurses and they sure take good care of us.

Tell Mrs. Gilbert that the last time I saw Harry he was O K and I hope he came out O K. I could not say how the rest of the boys came out. I did not see many of them after we went into the front lines but hope they all made it O K.

I will quit, I dont want you to worry about me, I am not hurt bad I will soon get well, you can write my letter to the company as I will be with them again pretty soon, will close.

Your son,

Lige.

I am at Boise France.

LATER

***Elijah Ernest Woodman World War I***

Dear Father and all:

This is a night of happiness for every one here, they are parading up and down the street, every one is so happy they cant hold themselves, flags are flying all over town, I have been in bed for over a month but have not been sick, they have my arm tied up in the air, and I will soon be up able to get around.

I am glad its over, I never want to see any more wars, it is a horrid thing, a fellow doesnt think much about it while he is at the front, but when he gets away from it and gets to thinking of what he has seen up there he can realize how awful it is, a fellow doesn't care for any thing while he is up there, when you do without any thing to eat and get no sleep for two or three days at a time, gets wet and cold that's why you do not care if a bullet does get you, but after a fellow gets hit he changes his mind, and after he gets back to the Hospital in a good warm bed and plenty to eat he's glad he still lives.

Our Liut. was killed the final day we went into the fight so I was told, lots of the boys in my company were killed.

I dont know when I will come home but hope I can eat Christmas dinner with you and I can tell you all about the war then will close.

Your son,

Lige(2)

He married Geneva Lucille Dyche 29 August 1922 in Lahoma, Oklahoma. Geneva Lucille was born 23 October 1895 in Powhatten, Brown County, Kansas, the daughter of Charles Monroe and Nellie Stansberry (Roth) Dyche.(3)

Elijah E. attended Oklahoma A. & M. in Stillwater, Oklahoma after his service and for four years he was Registrar at Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Oklahoma. In 1928 he went back to Harmon County, Oklahoma where he farmed.(4)

Elijah E. died 16 April 1974 at Harmon Memorial Hospital and was buried in the cemetery at Gould. Geneva Lucille lived to be ninety. She died 17 April 1985 in Gould.

*Elijah E.'s children:*(5)

**10-95** i Charles Russell[10], b. 22 Aug 1923.
**10-96** ii J. Walter[10], b. 11 Jul 1926.
**10-97** iii Ruth Marguerite[10], b. 28 Dec 1931.
**10-98** iv Gene Edwin[10], b. 21 Dec 1933.
**10-99** v James (Jimmy) Dyche[10], b. 14 Aug 1935.

Notes:
1. 1900 U.S. Census Greer Co., Oklahoma Territory; 1910 U.S. Census Harmon Co., OK.
2. A newspaper clipped probably from a newspaper in Harmon Co., OK.
3. Elijah E.'s wedding invitation.
4. Elijah E.'s obituary.
5. *Planning the Route,* Vol. 2; files of Jan Fitch, 909 Osage Dr., Stillwater, OK 74074; family genealogy group sheets from Ruth Woodman Knight, Dumas, TX.

### Glen Fuller[9] (Albert G.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-201.** Glen Fuller was born 16 April 1897. He was attending dental school in St. Louis in 1921. He married Carolyn Tracy of Cincinnati, Ohio, there about 1925. He was a practicing dentist in St. Louis. He died 12 December 1990 in the Edgewater Nursing Home at 5500 S. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.(1)

The Caroline buried in the family plot at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis is probably Glen Fuller's wife. She was buried 30 November 1963.(2)

*Glen F.'s children:*

i Mary Ellen[10], d. when she was six years old. There is a Mary buried in the family lot at Resurrection who d. 12 Apr 1947, but I don't know if she is Mary E. or her grandmother Mary Barbara.
ii Jane[10], an adopted daughter. In 1990 she was m. and living in St. Louis.

Notes:
1. A telephone conversation in July 1990 with Mary Louise Tichacek Bishop, 709 E. Washington, Box 456, Hayti, MO 63851; a letter from Mary Louise 11 Jan 1991.
2. Records from Resurrection Cemetery, 6901 Mackenzie Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123, Aug 1990.

### Arnold James[9] (Albert G.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-202.** Arnold James was born 4 November 1898. He attended dental school in St. Louis in 1921. A practicing dentist in St. Louis, Arnold married Rose Secter.(1)

In the family plot at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis, there is the gravestone of an Arnold who was buried 21 December 1971 and Rose who was buried 28 November 1983.(2)

*Arnold's children:*

i Alan (Gregory)[10].
ii Malcolm[10], at one time worked for Sonoco Oil.

Notes:
1. A telephone conversation in July 1990 with Mary Louise Tichacek Bishop, 709 E. Washington, Box 456, Hayti, MO 63851; a letter from Mary Louise 11 Jan 1991.
2. Records from Resurrection Cemetery, 6901 Mackenzie Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123, Aug 1990.

### Mary Alice Pitman[9] (Mary C. Woodman Pitman[8], James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-203.** Mary Alice was born 31 December 1873 near Waggoner, Montgomery County, Illinois. She married a farmer named Joseph Snyder, 5 March 1899. About 1908 she lived near Carlinville, Illinois.(1)

*Mary Alice's children (named Snyder):*

i Russel Dwight[10], b. 26 Sep 1902.
ii Helen Lucile[10], b. 16 Jul 1907.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Irene Pitman[9] (Mary C. Woodman Pitman[8], James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-204.** Irene was born 24 March 1878. She married John Rovard of Granite City, Illinois. She was a schoolteacher and it is said she was rated as one of the county's best.(1)

*Irene's children (named Rovard):*

i Katherine[10].
ii Doris[10], d. young.
iii Edith[10].

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Verone Pitman[9] (Mary C. Woodman Pitman[8], James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-205.** Verone was born 5 July 1882: He married Minnie Duncan 21 December 1904. About 1908 he lived with his parents.(1)

*Verone's child (named Pitman):*

i Helen Lucile[10], b. 19 Sep 1905.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### Estell Gates[9] (Agnes Woodman Gates[8], James J.[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-206.** Estell was born in Virden, Illinois, 22 November 1881. On 2 March 1902 he married Sadie Young of Girard. He worked at the Illinois Colleries Company Mine and was a member of the Eagle Band.(1)

*Estell's children (named Gates):*

i Vera M.[10], b. 27 Aug 1903.
ii Georgia Estella[10], b. 5 Dec 1905.
iii Probably a son b. 25 Mar 1908.

Note:
1. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes.

### William Augustus[9] (Frederick A.[8], Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-207.** William Augustus was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, 2 November 1867 and was called "Willie" on his birth record.(1) His mother died when he was seventeen days old; his father died when he was ten. It is not clear who cared for him while he grew up.

At the age of twenty-eight on 14 August 1895 in Danvers, he married Alice E. Ross. She was a twenty-one-year-old, born in Danvers, the daughter of George L. and Augusta C. (Peck) Ross. Alice E., a resident of Danvers, died in Peabody, Massachusetts 15 March 1929, age fifty-four years seven months. She is buried in Holton Cemetery in Danvers.(2)

Despite his parents early deaths, William A. lived to be seventy-six years old! He had retired, living in Danvers and died 22 April 1944;(3) he is buried with Alice.(3)

*William A.'s child:*(4)

i Mira E.[10], b. about 1896.

Notes:
1. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston 196:174.
2. Ibid., 451:330, 1929 18:40.
3. Ibid., 1944 35:432.
4. 1910 U.S. Census.

### Chester Irving[9] (Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-208.** Chester Irving was born in April 1869. He married Emma L. who was born about 1865 in Haverhill, Massachusetts, the daughter of George and Emily (Fegan) Huntress.(1)

In 1900 they lived on Elliott Street in Danvers, Massachusetts; in 1910 they were there at 20 Water Street, and Chester was superintendent of a box mill. When Emma L. died in Salem, Massachusetts, on 17 October 1923, they lived at 12-1/2 Dearborn Street. Chester was a resident of 21 Rillemere Street in Beverly, Massachusetts, when he died at the Danvers State Hospital in Danvers 16 August 1935. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Danvers.(2)

*Chester I.'s children:*(3)

**10-100** i Daniel Courtney[10], b. Jul 1893.

ii Rachel Huntress[10], b. Sep 1894, m. Edward Fletcher Mitchell at Bellow Fall, VT 8 Jul 1916. Edward, twenty-one, a machinist, was b. in Putney, VT, the son of Edwin F. and Lydia O. (Davis) Mitchell. At the time of her father's death, Rachel lived in Beverly, MA.(4)

iii Phillip E.[10], b. Jul 1896. He was mentioned in his father's obituary.

iv Dexter E.[10], b. Nov 1897, killed in World War I.(5)

**10-101** v Hilda Marietta[10], b. about 1901.

vi Chester Donald[10], b. about 1905. Although the 1910 Census record has him as Chester D., he must have later called himself C. Donald or Donald C.; his marriage record called him C. Donald. He m. Nellie Aldrich in Beverly, MA, 25 Sep 1930. Nellie was a twenty-four-year-old stenographer who was b. in Beverly, the dau. of Elmer E. and Margaret J. (Ring) Aldrich.(6)

Notes:
1. 1900 Danvers U.S. Census; Massachusetts Vital Records 1923 73:173.
2. 1900, 1910 U.S. Census, Massachusetts Vital Records 1923 73:173, 1935 35:495.

3. 1900, 1910 U.S. Census, Chester I.'s obituary, *Danvers Herald,* 22 Aug 1935.
4. Danvers, MA Vital Records Town Clerk's Office 22:103, father's obituary.
5. Chester Irving obituary.
6. 1910 U.S. Census; Danvers, MA Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office 1915-1945, 25:4.

### Henry Willis[9] (Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-209.** Henry Willis was born in Danvers, Massachusetts 16 May 1877.(1) He married Willina F. Irving of Salem, Massachusetts, who was probably born in Nova Scotia. It is said her father was already dead when Willina's mother brought her to America when she was five years old.(2)

*Henry Willis' children:*(3)

**10-102** i Edwin Irving[10], b. 14 Sep 1901.

**10-103** ii Phyllis Catherine[10], b. 9 Jan 1904.

**10-104** iii Daniel Wayne[10], b. 11 Jan 1917.

iv Tracy Friend II[10], b. 14 Sep 1919. He was named after his father's brother. Tracy F., a bank clerk, m. Martha J. Dragon 21 Sep 1943. Martha, age twenty-two, was the dau. of Ernest R. and Beatrice (Savage) Dragon.(4)

Sadly, Tracy F. was killed 19 Nov 1944 in France at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. In 1992 his grave had not been discovered.(5)

Notes:
1. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, MA, 286:181; 1900 U.S. Census.
2. William Richard Cutler, AM, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1050; a telephone conversation with Henry Willis' granddaughter, Edwina Woodman Schuler of Wellesley, MA, 22 Mar 1992.
3. *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs*; A record sent by Edwina Schuler, 35 Emerson Rd., Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.
4. Danvers, MA Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office, 1915-1945, 20:37; 25:107.
5. Schuler report.

### Bertha Forestina[9] (Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-210.** Bertha Forestina married Samuel A. Spaulding of Brooklyn, New York. When her brother Charles Irving died in 1935 she lived in New Canaan, Connecticut.(1)

*Bertha F.'s children (named Spaulding):*

i Kenneth Woodman[10].

ii Dorothy[10].

Note:
1. Obituary of Chester Irving Woodman, *Danvers Herald,* 22 Aug 1935; William Richard Cutler, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs,* Vol. II, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1908, p. 1050.

### Frank Bennett[9] (Joseph W.[8], Daniel[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-211.** Frank Bennett was born about 1882. About 1907 he married Gertrude Ahern who was born about 1884.(1) He was a leather worker. In 1910 he was called a "machine shaver, morocco factory."(2)

Frank B. died at 57 Purchase Street in Danvers, Massachusetts 30 September 1943.

*Frank B.'s child (perhaps there were others):*

i Joseph Warren[10], was b. about 1910 in Salem, MA. In Hamilton, MA on 4 Oct 1933 he, a pharmacist, m. Margaret Gildart. Margaret, a twenty-four-year-old stenographer from Hamilton was b. in Wayland, MA, the dau. of James H. and Delia (Early) Gildart. In 1990 Margaret lived in Danvers.(3)

Notes:
1. 1910 U.S. Census; Danvers Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office 25:23.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records, Health Dept. Bldg., Boston, MA, 1943, 39:212.
3. Danvers Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office, 25:23.

## Arthur Leroy[9] (LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-212.** Arthur Leroy was born 28 October 1878, a twin of Harry Chester.(1) On 28 June 1904 at Laconia, New Hampshire, he married Mary Maud Almeda who was born 25 July 1883 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, the daughter of John Edward and Eva Estelle (Barlow) Gordon of Eaton, Canada. Maud died 5 July 1925 in Laconia (Lakeport), New Hampshire.(2) He married, second, Sadie Emma Pickering.

Arthur L. died 24 February 1958 in Lakeport. At the time of his death his address was 35 Fore Street, Lakeport.(3) Arthur and Sadie are buried in Lakeport, New Hampshire.

*Arthur L. and Sadie's child:*

i Robert Arthur[10], b. 28 Jul 1929. He m. and divorced. In 1984 he lived in the old home on Fore St. and had no children.(4)

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Ibid.
3. Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #19-559.
4. Letter from Harriette Woodman Kenney.

## Harry Chester[9] (LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-213.** Harry Chester was born 28 October 1878 in Alton, New Hampshire,(1) a twin to Arthur Leroy. During his courtship, Harry C. enjoyed teasing his bride-to-be, Florence Ring Twombly. Once he exchanged clothes with Arthur Leroy and Arthur Leroy took Florence to church; they had risen to sing before Florence realized she had the wrong fellow.

Harry C. married Florence R. 28 May 1897.(2) She was born 11 August 1879 in old Hill, New Hampshire (the town of Hill was lost when a river was dammed), the daughter of George Washington and Harriet (Shaw) Twombly. Harriette thought Florence's middle name – "Ring" – was Florence's grandmother's maiden name. Harry C. worked in the Adams Needle factory and for Novelty Works which manufactured the Red Devil glass cutter.

Florence R. was a gifted seamstress who once had a millinery shop in her home. Harriette wrote, "I can remember her curling long plumes, using a silver table knife. In my early life hats would have lots of flowers and long plumes." Florence R. died in Tilton, New Hampshire, 26 February 1941. Harry C. lived on for twenty-eight years. He died 26 October 1969, just two days short of his ninety-first birthday. Both are buried in Hill Cemetery.(3)

*Harry C.'s children:*

**10-105** i Harriette Evelyn[10], b. 24 May 1902.

**10-106** ii Chester Arthur[10], b. 4 Feb 1911.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Ibid., and U.S. 1900 New Hampshire Census.
3. Letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney.

**Walter P.[9] (LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-214.** Walter P. was born 5 August 1882 in Alton, New Hampshire.(1) He first married Myrtle May Reynolds 1 July 1904 in Alton. Myrtle was born in Windsor, Vermont, the daughter of Asa M. and Mary E. (Livering) Flanders of Loudon, New Hampshire.(2) They divorced 30 November 1907. He next married May Eva Horne 8 January 1909 whom he divorced.(3)

Walter P. died 10 June 1956 in Alton.(4)

*Walter P. and Myrtle May's children:*(5)

i Walter E.[10], b. 6 Mar 1902 in Alton; d. 21 Mar 1902.(6)

**10-107** ii Harold F.[10], b. 18 Apr 1904.

iii Howard W.[10], b. 7 Apr 1906 in Alton; d. 20 Apr 1906.(7)

iv Cleon L.[10], b. 7 Oct 1907. In 1988 Cleon lived in Rochester, NH. His housekeeper said Cleon grew up in Alton, but had lived in Rochester for close to forty years. She said Cleon had no children.

*Walter P. and May Eva's children:*

v Beatrice Verna[10], b. 17 Jun 1913. In the administration papers of her father's estate she is called Mrs. Beatrice Connelly of Rochester, NH.

vi Walter George[10], b. 23 Nov 1914; m. Doris Tufts 31 Oct 1936. In 1956 he is listed as living in Farmington, NH. In 1988 Walter G. was living, I think, in Rochester.

vii Lyman LaRoy[10], m. Lenora Williams 18 Jan 1932. In 1956 he lived in Alton. He d. 21 Mar 1966.

viii Irene[10], m. Harry King who was a son of Frederick I.[8]'s wife Cora. Irene had a large family and lived at 97 Washington St. in Rochester, NH 03867 in 1990.

Notes:

1. Unless otherwise indicated, all came in letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney, Plymouth, NH.
2. Myrtle M.'s birthplace came from a New Hampshire Vital Death Record of one of her children; the remainder of my reference is lost.
3. New Hampshire Divorce Record.
4. Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #19-023.
5. Ibid., and letters from Harriette W. Kenney, Apr 1984 and 11 May 1984.
6. New Hampshire Vital Records.
7. Ibid.

**Alvin Manley[9] (Alvin B.[8], Elijah[7], John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-215.** Alvin Manley was born 17 March 1871 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He married Mary L. Knight who was born March 1873. They were living in Wakefield, Massachusetts in 1900.(1)

Alvin M. died in the New England Sanitorium, Stoneham, Massachusetts, 1 November 1950. He is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield, Massachusetts.(2)

*Alvin M.'s child (perhaps there were others):*(3)

**10-108** i Harvey Everts[10], b. 11 May 1903.

Notes:

1. 1900 U.S. Census Wakefield, MA; *Misc. Files of Woodman Sons A to Z*, an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.
2. Massachusetts Vital Records State Health Bldg., Boston, 1891-1950 91:160.
3. *Misc. Files of Woodman Sons A to Z.*

### Cora Bell[9] (True William[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-216.** Cora Bell was born 15 January 1865 in Lee, New Hampshire. On 19 June 1895 she married Charles T. Leighton who was born 15 March 1857 in Northwood, New Hampshire, the son of Timothy M. and Mary Ann (Davis) Leighton.

Except for a few short years in Manchester, New Hampshire, and Northwood, New Hampshire, Charles and Corabelle spent their life in West Nottingham, New Hampshire, where Charles was called a "shoeworker." Until his death 23 September 1937, he had enjoyed playing the piccolo and violin in the Northwood Brass Band.

In September 1950, Cora Bell broke her hip and was in a hospital for weeks. Thereafter she was confined to bed in her daughter's home until she died 5 October 1951. She and Charles are buried in the East Northwood Cemetery.(1)

*Cora Bell's child (named Leighton):*

i Ernestine[10], m. Dudley Leavitt, postmaster.

Note:

1. Obituaries of Corabelle & Charles T. furnished by Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, Apr 1989.

### Anne Elizabeth[9] (True William[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-217.** Anne Elizabeth was born 18 January 1867 in Dover, New Hampshire. She married William F. Bennett 7 February 1891. They spent much of their lives in Springfield, Massachusetts, though she may have been in Wrentham, Massachusetts, when she died in 1937 following a long illness; William F. survived her. She is buried in Hillcrest Park Cemetery (which is probably in Springfield).

*Anne E.'s child (named Bennett):*(1)

i Gladys Elmira[10], b. 26 Oct 1892 in Worcester, MA; she m. Clifford H. Cook. Gladys was in Springfield, MA in 1937 and West Springfield, MA in 1951.

Note:

1. Anne E.'s obituary; obituaries of her brother Horace W.[9] and her sister Corabelle[9]. All furnished by Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, Apr 1989.

### Alice Alfreda[9] (True William[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-218.** Alice Alfreda, called Freda, was born 18 (or 30) October 1869 in Nottingham, New Hampshire. She married William E. Munroe of Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1921, 1923 and 1924 Freda lived in Blackstone, Massachusetts, and in what was called the greater Woonsocket, Rhode Island, area. She spent her last forty years in East Providence, Rhode Island. It isn't clear when William Munroe died, but she was a widow by 1929. Freda died 21 November 1964 at 111 Grosvenor in East Providence, and was buried in Hunt Cemetery in Rumford, Rhode Island.(1)

*Alice's children (named Munroe):*

**10-109** i William Alfred[10].

ii Doris W.[10], m. Norman T. Halpin. They lived in East Providence, RI.

Note:

1. Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds; Freda's obituary; obituaries of Freda's siblings Cora, Horace W., Annie and her father. Obits furnished by Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, Apr 1989.

**Frank Elbert[9] (True William.[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-219.** Frank Elbert was probably always called "Burt" by his family. He was born 6 October 1877 in Nottingham, New Hampshire. Burt left there when he was sixteen and moved to Valley Falls, Rhode Island, where he married Mary Connors 30 April 1900. Mary was born 10 April 1880 at Westerly, Rhode Island, the daughter of John and Mary (Fitzgerald) Connors.

Mary lived but four short years, dying 1 December 1904 leaving Burt with a twenty-eight-month-old son to raise; but it was 10 February 1916, in Warner, Rhode Island, before he married again. His bride was Gertrude May Boyce who was born in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and was the daughter of Samuel A. and Abbie A. (Miller) Boyce.(1)

Following his father's death, Burt wrote to his sister Edna and her husband Henry Joseph Ells:

> I am offering five hundred dollars for the place. Are each of you willing to sell me your share in the place?
>
> I would like to preserve it as the Old Woodman homestead. There is a lot of repairing that must be done soon. The first thing would be shingling and then washing inside and painting and also house painted on outside. Please let me know at once if you & Horace are willing to sell me your interest.
>
> Burt
>
> Tell Horace I would be willing for him to go up there and raise chickens or anything he wanted to.(2)

On 11 March 1929 Burt's brothers and sisters sold him and Gertrude, for one dollar, the two acres and the buildings which had belonged to their father – land True William had purchased in 1887 for $300.00.(3) Beverly Beaudette wrote that Burt spent his summers there.

Burt was a locomotive engineer. He left Valley Falls in 1905 and moved to Riverside, Rhode Island, where they were living in 1937. In 1921 his address there was 92 Shore Road. He described himself as 5 feet 11-1/4 inches tall, 230 pounds, Protestant and an independent voter. He died 30 June 1948 in East Providence and Gertrude May probably died about the same time. Frank E. was the only one of True William's children to produce a male child named Woodman.

*Frank E. and Mary's child:*

**10-110** i True William[10], b. 6 Aug 1902.

Notes:

1. Frank E.'s biography sheet sent in 1921.
2. Copy of Burt's letter sent by Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507 and her letter, 4 Apr 1989.
3. Rockingham Co., NH Reg. of Deeds, Exeter, NH, 851:96.

**Edna T.[9] (True William[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-220.** Edna T. was born 9 February 1887 at Nottingham, New Hampshire, and was but six weeks old when her mother died. Her older sister Cora, who was twenty-two years older than baby Edna, seemed, perhaps to be like a mother. Beverly Beaudette, Edna's granddaughter wrote, "Edna was closest to her older sister, Cora, and for the most part had unpleasant memories relative to her stepmother Jennie."

The unhappy Edna left home when she was fifteen and one-half years old. She lied about her age (claiming she was eighteen) and married Frank Astor Mitchell 20 September 1902 in Exeter, New Hampshire. Frank A. was a painter who was born about 1879 in Brentwood, New Hampshire, the son of George A. and Emma (Rich) Mitchell of Exeter.

Beverly continued, "She [Edna] did comment [about her marriage] . . . that she went from

the frying pan into the fire." Edna divorced Frank in 1914 and with her three-year-old son went to Worcester, Massachusetts, where she worked as a practical nurse at Worcester City Hospital and operated a boarding house.

On 22 October 1926 at Worcester, Edna married Henry Joseph Ells. Henry Joseph was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He too had been married before and had a son named Francis H.

Henry J. worked in the engine house of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad on Southbridge Street in Worcester.

Edna died at age eighty-one on 25 November 1968 at the Eastwood Manor Nursing Home in Webster, Massachusetts. Henry Joseph had preceded her, and Edna had been an invalid for a time. She had lived in Charlton, Massachusetts, thirty-seven years, according to her obituary. She is buried in Oxford, Massachusetts. Edna and Henry Joseph had no children.(1)

*Edna and Frank A.'s child (named Mitchell):*

**10-111** i Herbert Kenneth[10], b. 12 Oct 1911.

Note:

1. Edna's birth certificate New Hampshire Vital Records; marriage license, New Hampshire Vital Records; marriage license to Henry Joseph Ells; Edna's obituary; Letters from Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507.

**Annie Isabel Hoitt[9] (Samuel Piper Hoitt[8], Susan Demeritt Hoitt[7], Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-221.** Annie Isabel was born 3 October 1860; married 15 November 1882 to Henry G. Hayes of Madbury, New Hampshire.(1)

*Annie I.'s children (named Hayes):*

i Isabel Chadwick[10], b. 28 Jan 1884.
ii Ralph Hoitt[10], b. 20 Aug 1885.
iii Helen Louise[10], b. 31 Oct 1891.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 218.

**George Gaines Hoitt[9] (Samuel P. Hoitt[8], Susan Demeritt Hoitt[7], Martha Woodman Demeritt[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-222.** George Gaines was born 12 September 1867; married 1 June 1893 to Lura Mabelle Sleeper of Alexandria, New Hampshire, who was born in Bristol, New Hampshire, 3 June 1864.(1)

*George Gaines' children (named Hoitt):*

i Carrie Elizabeth[10], b. 17 Mar 1894.
ii Alice Joanna[10], b. 28 Apr 1895.
iii Martha Luena[10], b. 2 Sep 1896.
iv Ellen Crawford[10], b. 1 Sep 1898.
v Mary Georgene[10], b. 19 Nov 1903.
vi Samuel Waldo[10], b. 23 Jul 1905.

Note:

1. *History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, p. 218.

**Nellie L.[9] (James K.[8], Andrew K.[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-223.** Nellie L. was born 28 March 1867. I think she was first married to twenty-year-old William Henry Cicely Gardner of London, England, on 13 November 1889 in Northwood, New Hamp-

shire.(1) On Christmas Eve 1891 she married Walter E. Locke of Northwood.(2) Walter was born in Northwood 28 January 1863, the son of James C. and Loanna A. (Nealley) Locke of Northwood.

Walter and his father were farmers and lumbermen.(3) In 1921 they lived in Northwood.

*Nellie's child (named Locke):*

i Maude N.[10], b. 25 Aug 1893 in Northwood. At one time she was an elocution teacher there.

Notes:
1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Ibid.
3. *Locke Family Genealogy,* pp. 457-8; a letter from Nellie L. Locke, Northwood, NH, 5 Jun 1921.

## Arthur St. Clair[9] (Ira H.[8], Andrew K.[7], Samuel[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-224.** Arthur St. Clair born 13 February 1868(1) married Elizabeth R. He was dead when his father made his will on 26 November 1923, leaving $200.00 to Arthur's widow.

*Arthur's children – all from Haverhill, Massachusetts:*(2)

i Gladys St. Clair[10], m. Mr. MacNamara.
ii Esther May[10], m. Mr. Nugent.
iii John[10], m. Elizabeth.
iv Arthur Wayne[10], m. Irene.
v Eliza Marie[10], m. Mr. Belmer.
vi Myron St. Clair[10], m. Delia E.

Notes:
1. Birth record, New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Will of Ira H. Woodman[8], Essex Co., MA Probate Records, Docket #147951, 863:253.

## Mary Jane Downing[9] (Laura Patten Woodman Downing[8], David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-225.** Mary Jane married W. T. Moore. In 1921, Susan C.[8] thought Mary Jane was in Concord, New Hampshire.

*Mary Jane's child (named Moore):*(1)

i Lilla[10].

Note
1. Letter from Laura P. Downing, 30 Lyndon St., Concord, NH 22 May 1910; letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH 2 Apr 1921.

## Elizabeth E. White[9] (Susan C. Woodman White[8], David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**9-226.** Elizabeth E., born 16 April 1880; married James W. Clay, 15 August 1908.(1)

*Elizabeth's children (named Clay):*

i Jennie M.[10], b. 21 Feb 1909.
ii Jessie P.[10], b. 7 Oct 1913.
iii Henrietta R.[10], b. 17 Oct 1915.

Note:
1. A letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH, 2 Apr 1921.

**Alice L. White[9] (Susan C. Woodman White[8], David Bartlett[7], Edward[6], Samuel[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

9-227. Alice L., born 6 May 1884; married William E. Ambrose, 5 December 1910.(1)

*Alice's children (named Ambrose):*

i Byron S.[10], b. 20 Nov 1911.
ii Esther L.[10], b. 22 Dec 1912.
iii Hollis W.[10], b. 1 Feb 1914.
iv Ralph E.[10], b. 7 Sep 1915.
v John W.[10], b. 20 May 1917.
vi Flora M.[10], b. 13 Nov 1918.

Note:
1. Letter from Susan C. White, Deerfield, NH, 2 Apr 1921.

**Robert Garner[9] (Charles E.[8], Nathaniel H.[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

9-228. Robert Garner was born in Brooklyn, New York, 26 July 1909. He graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1932. Following graduation that spring, Robert enrolled for the summer session at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire, the ancestral home of Captain John[2].(1)

Robert G. married Harriet Inman in Englewood, New Jersey, 16 September 1939. She was born 24 September 1908, the daughter of Harry Bigelow and Nellie (Doane) Inman. Nellie, a native of Nova Scotia, met Harry Inman in Boston. Robert Garner wrote:

> I met Harriet when I was employed as a reporter by Bernard Macfadden's ill-fated venture into financial journalism, *The New York Daily Investment News* . . . . I fell in love with her immediately and I gave her an engagement ring 14 February 1940, and we were married in the chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Englewood, New Jersey, 16 September 1939. She was a Christian Scientist, so it was difficult to persuade her to see our family physician until 6 December 1940. On December 13, Dr. H. Williams Taylor told her she had a malignancy and probably would not live six months. She had been complaining of 'heart burn' when she quit work 1 October 1940, and weighed 128 pounds. She suffered so bravely, and had been in Memorial Hospital, New York, three weeks, and she weighed only 43 pounds when she died on 24 February 1941.

Almost exactly one year following Harriet's death, with World War II raging, Robert Garner joined the military.

> I was inducted into the army of the United States at Fort Dix, New Jersey, 19 February 1942. I received my basic training at Camp Blandening, Starke, Florida, in the 143rd Infantry, 36th Infantry Division (Texas National Guard). That regiment was virtually wiped out in the Battle of San Pietro, at the foot of Monte Casino, 7-23 December 1943.
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> The 36th Division sent me as an officer candidate to the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, 6 June 1942 and [I] was commissioned 31 August 1942 . . . I was assigned to the regiment that had helped train us as officer candidates, the 151st Infantry Division . . . as platoon leader. We were immediately assigned to maneuvers in Louisiana, and there I injured my left knee in the field. I managed to remain with the regiment and landed with them in Honolulu 24 January 1944. When the 38th Division sailed for New Guinea, they left me in the 147th General Hospital, where my knee was operated. When I left the hospital I was on limited service and assigned to the G2 Section of the Central Pacific Base Command, as public relations officer. The CPBC was closed and we were assigned to Schofield Barracks. I was the public relations officer/personal affairs/personnel adjustment officer, deputy provost marshal, deputy fire marshall and executive officer of the 762nd Military Police Battal-

ion. I received my release from service from Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, 18 February 1947.

I had met Mary Elizabeth Harrison on the staff of the Red Cross Director at Schofield Barracks, gave her an engagement ring on 2 July and married her in Post Headquarters Chapel 18 September 1947.

Mary Elizabeth was born in Buffalo, New York, 3 April 1914, the daughter of William Stitt and Blanche Elizabeth (Berner) Harrison of Angola, New York. Robert and Mary returned to Mary E.'s home in Buffalo, where Robert G. worked briefly as a reporter for the *Buffalo Evening News.* Robert G. wrote:

That was but a brief interlude, then I became a technical writer for the Carborundum Company in Niagara Falls. I lived in an apartment above a four-car garage on the estate of Harry M. Hooker in Lewiston, New York, and while living there my first daughter was born, 24 October 1949. While at the Carborundum Company, I became editor of *'The CarvoWheel,'* a monthly magazine for employees and dealers.

I left the Carborundum Company to become an account executive at Ketchum, MacClode & Grove, Inc., then the largest advertising agency in Pittsburgh. There I bought a home at 2409 Sylvania Drive, Bethel Park, and was living there when my younger daughter was born 14 October 1957, and when my second wife died of cancer 14 August 1960. She had contracted cancer of the breast while pregnant and underwent a mastectomy 14 August 1957. When Mary Elizabeth died, Mary Jane was ten and Patricia Anne was two.

My mother had to leave high school to help her mother when she became weak from cancer of the breast, which killed her . . . She went through agony when she saw both my wives succumb from cancer.

I never remarried. I hired housekeepers to help me bring up and educate my daughters.

Robert Garner had an interesting career.

The week after I was hired by the *Investment News,* I interviewed W. Averill Harriman, and he was a gentleman. Two weeks later I met the most brilliant man I've known, David B. Lilienthal, who later was the first chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. I met many distinguished men as a reporter for the *Investment News,* (three years) and six years for *The Wall Street Journal* and *Dow-Jones News Service.* I had eight private interviews with Wendell L. Wilkie, the Republican presidential nominee in 1940. David Sarnoff, then chairman of the National Broadcasting Company, gave me a scoop – that he was sailing on the Ile de France, to sign Arturo Toscanni at Salzburg to recruit, train and direct the first privately-owned symphony orchestra, the NBC Symphony.

Robert is retired in Arlington Heights, Illinois. His magic typewriter spews out story after story, all of them droll, witty and full of wisdom.

*Robert Garner's children:*

**10-112** i Mary Jane[10], b. 10 Oct 1949.

ii Patricia Anne[10], b. 24 Oct 1957 in Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated from Milton College, Milton, WI. After attending years of night classes at Roosevelt University in Chicago, she was awarded an Illinois C.P.A. certificate. In 1990 she worked at A.C. Nielson & Co. in Deerfield, IL. On 19 Apr 1985, at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Arlington Heights, IL, Patricia m. the former head air controller at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. In 1990 they lived in Palatine, IL.

Note:

1. Letters from Robert Garner Woodman, 1609 W. Brown St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4420, to John A. Woodman of Canton, MA, 16 Jan 1990 and 13 Feb 1990. Letters from Robert G. to me, Eloise Woodman, 15 Apr and 16 Apr 1990.

**Richard Sage[9] (Charles E.[8], Nathaniel H.[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**9-229.** Richard Sage was born 29 June 1913 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated in 1935 from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

While attending the 1934 summer session at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, Richard S. met Mildred Bartlett of Bradford, Massachusetts. A graduate of the University of Vermont, Mildred was born 10 July 1912, one of five children of Clifford H. and Lida (Brines) Bartlett.

Richard S. attended the New York Law School in New York City where he graduated in 1938. On 20 April 1940 he and Mildred were married in the Congregational Church in Bradford.

In 1943 Richard S. joined the military. His brother, Robert Garner, wrote, "Richard S., an enlisted man, served with the army on Luzon during World War II. Following his combat service he graduated from the Adjutant General's Officer Candidate School in Ann Arbor, Michigan." Richard S. wrote that he served with the CIC attached to the 25th Division and was a Lieutenant, JAGD. Except for the three years Richard S. was in service (1943-1946) he has lived in Waterville, New York, where he has practiced law.(1)

*Richard Sage's children:*

**10-113** i Odiorne[10], b. 23 Jul 1943.

ii Jill B.[10]. While attending Waterville High School, Jill won the prestigious Steinmet Award, the highest honor for science students of New York's high schools. Following her graduation from Middlebury College in 1969, she entered the University of Colorado Law School. Jill graduated from law school in 1974 where, wrote her proud Uncle Robert Garner Woodman, "In a class of 600, Jill graduated at the top of her class."

Jill and her husband Gary R. Sisson, lived in Littleton, Colorado, in 1990; she practiced law in Denver, Colorado.(2)

Notes:

1. Letter from Richard Sage Woodman, P.O. Box 26, Waterville, NY, 13480, 18 Apr 1990; a letter to John Woodman of Canton, MA, from Robert Garner Woodman, 1609 W. Brown St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4420, 16 Jan 1990.

# TENTH GENERATION

**Daniel Edwin[10] (William Ezra[9], Daniel T.[8], William[7-6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-1.** Daniel Edwin was born 30 August 1901; married Mae Riley. May have married a second wife.(1)

*Daniel E.'s children:*

**11-1** i Daniel Edwin, Jr.[11].
**11-2** ii Robert Wilson[11].
iii A daughter, lived Texas.
iv A daughter, lived Texas.

Note:
1. Persons #629, #630, #631, #632 *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman (Edward[1]) and Mary (Field) Woodman;* an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

**Edgar Grant Simpson[10] (Delia Ferry Simpson[9], Miretta C. Woodman Ferry[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-2.** Edgar Grant was born 19 May 1865 in Naperville, Illinois. He was married 28 September 1887 to Libbie S. Lundy.(1)

*Edgar Grant's child (named Simpson):*

i Lloy[11], b. 16 Jan 1897; d. 22 Dec 1898.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM.

**Carrie Viola Simpson[10] (Delia Ferry Simpson[9], Miretta C. Woodman Ferry[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-3.** Carrie Viola was born 27 November 1870. On 22 March 1900 she married M. C. VanNorman.(1)

*Carrie V.'s children – all born Naperville, Illinois (named VanNorman):*

i Delia Marrietta[11], b. 10 Jan 1903.
ii Truman Britton[11], b. 11 Aug 1905.
iii Howard Pitton[11], b. 23 Oct 1907.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM.

**Frank Oscar Simpson[10] (Delia Ferry Simpson[9], Miretta C. Woodman Ferry[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-4.** Frank Oscar was born 28 October 1872 at Naperville, Illinois. He married Katherine Olive Richardson. They lived in Raton, New Mexico in 1921.

*Frank O.'s children (named Simpson):*

i Grace Edna[11], b. 16 Dec 1898, in Naperville.
ii Blanche Virginia[11], b. 24 Apr 1900, in Naperville.
iii William Thornton[11], b. 4 Oct 1902 in Raton, NM.
iv Bessie Katherine[11], b. 24 Jan 1905; d. 28 Jan 1921.
v Oscar Richardson[11], b. 28 Oct 1907, in Raton.
vi Rhoda May[11], b. 21 Mar 1910.
vii Delia Olive[11], b. 23 Aug 1912.
viii Harold Arthur[11], b. 22 Sep 1922.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet and a letter from Frank Oscar Simpson, Raton, NM. The letter dated 15 Nov 1921.

### Bessie May[10] (Frank George[9], George E.[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-5.** Bessie May was born 19 February 1886. On 28 August 1907 she married a farmer from Clay County, Iowa, named Alva N. Mills.(1)

*Bessie M.'s child (named Mills):*

i Marjorie Estelle[11], b. 10 Jul 1908.

Note:
1. Letter from Frank George Woodman, Maxwell, IA, 19 Mar 1921.

### Orville J.[10] (Frank George[9], George E.[8], Ira[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-6.** Orville J. was born 2 July 1889. On 12 June 1907 he married Charlotte McHone who was born 23 April 1887 in Tyner, Polk County, Iowa. She was the daughter of John Millinton and Jeanette Jane (Clark) McHone. (John McHone was born 4 November 1854 at Hook's Point in Hamilton County, Iowa, and died 2 October 1920. He was buried in Polk County, Iowa. Jeanette Jane was born 9 December 1866 at Pilot Mount, Iowa. In 1921 Jeanette McHone was probably living in Cambridge, Story County, Iowa).

In 1921 Orville farmed on 270 acres of the old homestead.(1)

*Orville J.'s children:*

i Virgil Clark[11], b. 10 Jun 1908.
ii Ruth[11], b. 14 Nov 1909; d. 10 Aug 1910.
iii Lucille Estelle[11], b. 20 May 1911.
iv Esther Jeanette[11], b. 11 Jul 1914.
v Daughter, b. 6 Feb 1917; d. 13 Feb 1917.

Note:
1. Letters from Frank George Woodman, Maxwell, IA, 19 Mar 1921 and 6 Apr 1921; and an undated biography sheet; postcard from Charlotte McHone Woodman, 2 May 1921.

### Alma Elsie Martin[10] (Charles Edwin Martin[9], Emily Caroline Woodman Martin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-7.** Alma Elsie was born 20 November 1884. She married John R. Jackson 31 March 1904.(1)

*Alma E.'s child (named Jackson):*

i Charles Ward[11], b. 28 Nov 1904.

Note:
1. Notes from Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

### Emma May Kimball[10] (Sarah Elizabeth Woodman Kimball[9], Kimball Franklin[8], Nathaniel J.[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-8.** Emma May, born 19 August 1878, married Carl Stone Jackson on Christmas Day, 1897.

*Emma May's children (named Jackson):*

i Frank William[11], b. 20 Jun 1903.
ii Charles Kimball[11], b. 9 Sep 1905.

Note:
1. *History of Kimball Family in America 1634-1897,* Published 1897, p. 873; notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.

**Marguerite Cook[10] (Fannie Jeanette Woodman Cook[9], Freeman[8], Joseph[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-9.** Marguerite was born 5 September 1895. She married 1st Richard Carvel Hyland 2 January 1909 or 1910 in Santa Cruz, CA. Her second husband was Emil Langknecht whom she married 5 December 1920. Emil was a motor mechanic with Standard Oil.

In 1921 Marguerite lived at 1250 Huntington Drive, South Pasadena, California.(1)

*Marguerite and Richard's child (named Hyland):*

i Richard Audbrey[11].

Note:

1. Letter from Fannie Jeanette Woodman Zuvanick, Sugarite, NM, 1 Sep 1921.

**Willis Wesley Morrison[10] (Frederick Pierce Morrison[9], Charlotte M. Russell Morrison[8], Mary Ann Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-10.** Willis Wesley was born 23 September 1887 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1921 Willis W. wrote, "I have a boy about three years and eight months named Willis W., Jr. His mother died when he was seven months old. She was from Milton, Kentucky." He lived in Visalia, California.(1)

*Willis Wesley's child (named Morrison):*

i Willis Wesley, Jr.[11], b. about April 1918.

Note:

1. Mrs. Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH; a letter from Willis Wesley Morrison, Box 695, Visalia, CA, 14 Dec 1921.

**Addie Ethel Philbrick[10] (Clara W. Russell Philbrick[9], John Marshall Russell[8], Mary Woodman Russell[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-11.** Addie Ethel was born 18 March 1890 in Campton, New Hampshire. She married Henry Parks Gilman 23 March 1908.(1)

*Addie Ethel's child (named Gilman):*

i Sylvia Esther[11], b. 8 Dec 1908.

Note:

1. Data from Florence Russell Glynn, Plymouth, NH, with an update 28 Dec 1921.

**Gladys Ada[10] (Leon Astor[9], Jacob Astor[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-12.** Gladys Ada was born 28 April 1899. She died 22 November 1957 in Bristol, New Hampshire with a last name of Woodman. She may have married and divorced and recovered her maiden name, but I have no records.(1)

*Glady's Ada's child:*

i Thelma[11]. In 1957 she was Thelma Hill of Bristol, NH and had three small children.

Note:

1. Grafton Co., NH Probate Records, 1900-1988.

**Pearl Natalie Young[10] (Clarissa Mandana (Clara) Woodman Young[9], Jacob Astor[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-13.** Pearl Natalie was called Pearl Nana by her mother. She was born 19 February 1897 in Bridgewater, New Hampshire, and went to Helena, Montana, with her parents in 1910.

She married Albert Burgess Casteel 5 January 1915 at Billings, Montana. Albert B. was born in London, Kentucky, 4 January 1891.

In 1921 they lived in Great Falls, Montana where Albert was editor and publisher of *The Montana Banker*.(1) Their address was 1221 5th Avenue, North.

*Pearl N.'s children (named Casteel):*

i Alberta Ethel[11], b. 10 Dec 1915 in Helena, MT.
ii George Burgess[11], b. 8 Sep 1917 in Helena, MT.
iii Nancy Jane[11], b. 16 Feb 1920 in Great Falls, MT.

Note:
1. A letter from Clara Woodman Young, 2309 2nd Ave, Seattle, WA, 30 Oct 1921 and a letter from Olive Eldora Woodman, Bristol, NH, 11 Sep 1921.

**Charles Austin[10] (Charles Lorenzo[9], Austin Wallace[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-14.** Charles Austin was born in 1924 in Somerville, Massachusetts. He first attended school in Oxford, Massachusetts. He earned his first degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Massachusetts, where he majored in physics; this followed by Masters and Doctorate degrees from Boston University. After spending several years with General Electric, he entered the teaching field and retired as head of the science department for the Braintree, Massachusetts school system. In 1991 he lived on a farm in North Appleton, Maine.(1)

*Charles Austin's children:*

i Roger[11], in 1991 he lived in Bristol, NH.
ii Betty Jean[11], m. Mr. Kohlsdorf and in 1991 lived in Roswell, GA.

Note:
1. A letter from Charles Lorenzo Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH 03253; a letter from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049.

**Robert Foss[10] (Charles Lorenzo[9], Austin Wallace[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-15.** Robert F. was born in 1928 in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. Following school in Oxford, Massachusetts, he entered the plastic business. In 1987 he lived in Stafford Springs, Massachusetts. In 1991 Robert F. lived in South Portland, Maine.(1)

*Robert F.'s children:*

i Charles[11]. In 1991 he lived in Lincoln, NH.
ii Susan[11], m. Mr. Brassard and in 1991 she lived in Colchester, VT.

Note:
1. A letter from Charles Lorenzo Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH 03253; a letter from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049.

**Elizabeth[10] (Charles Lorenzo[9], Austin Wallace[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-16.** Elizabeth's father Charles L. wrote, "Betty graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Massachusetts. Her first position was as a stewardess with United Airlines. After a couple of years she married Richard Fagerstrom and lived in San Francisco, California . . . She married second husband George Bjerklie, one of the vice-presidents of Wells Fargo in San Fran-

cisco. He is now retired and they are living here in Meredith, New Hampshire. I am very happy with that arrangement for, with my wife having passed away going on three years ago, it breaks up my lonesomeness. And sorrow."(1)

*Elizabeth and Richard's children (named Fagerstrom):*(2)

i Richard[11], in 1991 he lived in Carmichael, CA.
ii Nancy[11], m. Mr. Harman and in 1991 lived in Spring Valley, CA.
iii Carrie[11], in 1991 lived in Portland, OR.
iv Eric[11], in 1991 lived in Meredith, NH.
v Anne[11], m. Mr. Perry. In 1991 lived in Holderness, NH.

Notes:
1. A letter from Charles Lorenzo Woodman, Box 457, Meredith, NH 03253.
2. A letter from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049.

## Nancy[10] (Roger French[9], Austin Wallace[8], Charles[7], Isaac[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-17.** Nancy was born 8 February 1928. She married 1st Mr. Dressler. She married second husband Mr. Wall. With fond memories, Nancy wrote:

> In Plymouth [New Hampshire] I spent a lot of time with my Woodman grandparents [Austin and Martha] as a child. My father was often traveling and my mother on the golf course all summer! I watched my grandmother make soap, preserve fruits and vegetables from her gardens – and I 'squashed-up' many a concoction myself on her big old black stove in the basement (mostly of blackberries)! She let me eat rhubarb stalks dunked in sugar, from an old tin cup.
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> We had to go to their house every Saturday night for baked beans, coleslaw, fresh rolls, etc. My grandmother had a wonderful pantry, with a big flour barrel under the counter. She made bread, doughnuts and rolls all the time! I never appreciated it much then – but I sure think about it a lot now – and tried to give my own children many of these special things when growing up.
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> My grandmother also let me sew on her old-fashioned treadle machine; I made a lot of things there. She also taught me to crochet and knit.
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> [Nancy spoke of her father and his two brothers, Charles L. and George.] An interesting side-light is that the three Woodman men all had marriages of longevity – from fifty-five to sixty-three years! My mother and her two sisters also all had marriages of over fifty-five years. In today's world that's almost an anachronism! (Certainly the four of us in the next Woodman generation didn't follow suit). As I reflect on all this – and more – I think how much today's children miss – and it's really sad!

In 1991 Nancy lived in Hollis, New Hampshire.(1)

*Nancy's children (named Dressler):*

i Amy Meredith[11], b. 4 Feb 1965.
ii Elizabeth Dana[11], b. 17 Sep 1966; m. Mr. Santous.
iii Frederick Lawrence[11], b. 14 Aug 1968.

Note:
1. A letter from Nancy Woodman Wall, 171 Dow Rd., P.O. Box 121, Hollis, NH 03049, 7 Mar 1991.

## George Scott[10] (Frank Albert[9], George Albert[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-18.** George Scott was born 3 August 1907 in Newton, Massachusetts.(1) He married Isabel (Isobel?) Offer of Ottawa, Canada, who was born 11 October 1911.(2) In 1953 Lenna A. Woodman

of Dover, New Hampshire, named George S. of Waltham, Massachusetts, in her will.(3) They are said to have moved to Burlington, Massachusetts, where he died in 1993.

*George S.'s children:*(4)

i Nancy Ruth[11], b. 12 Aug 1940 in Waltham, MA. Lived in Burlington, MA.

ii Scott Albert[11], b. 6 Jun 1947 in Waltham; d. 4 Jun 1984.

Notes:

1. Massachusetts Vital Records Births 1907, Newton, MA, 304:163.
2. A report from Avis E. Woodman, 59 Edgewater Dr., Waltham, MA 02154, May 1994.
3. Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #A6694.
4. Avis E. Woodman.

## Kenneth Heaton[10] (Charles Walker[9], George Albert[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-19.** Kenneth Heaton was born 27 (or 24) August 1914 in Lee, New Hampshire.(1) He went to Claremont, New Hampshire, at the age of eleven and spent his life there, graduating from Stevens High School in 1932.

He married Gretchen Decker in 1936. Kenneth H. worked thirty-six years for the Cone Automatic Machine Company, retiring in 1977.

Kenneth H. was a member of the Union Episcopal Church and a member of the Hiram Lodge #9, F&AM and Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of New Hampshire.

Kenneth died 21 March 1985 and was buried at Union Cemetery probably in Claremont. In 1988 Gretchen and Robert lived in Claremont.(2)

*Kenneth H.'s child:*

i Robert[11], had two sons.

Notes:

1. New Hampshire Vital Records.
2. Letters from Gretchen D. Woodman, R#3, Box 406, Red Water Brook Rd., Claremont, NH 03743, 14 Mar 1986, 25 Apr 1988; obituary of Kenneth H. Woodman, *Valley News*, W. Lebanon, NH, 22 Mar 1985.

## Marion Pearl Page[10] (Alta M. Jones Page[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-20.** Marion Pearl was born 18 August 1895. She graduated from Framingham State Normal School, Framingham, Massachusetts. She taught school in Barre, Vermont, and was a Home Demonstration Agent for Rockingham County, New Hampshire Extension Service. Marion also was a supervisor for the Rural Rehabilitation Administration, Exeter, New Hampshire, and a housemother of Bradlee Cottage, Perkins School For The Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts.

Marion P. married Frank Kimball, a dairy and produce farmer in Kensington, New Hampshire.

She has lived in South Boston, Watertown and Worcester, Massachusetts; Barre, Vermont; and Dover, Exeter, and Kensington, all in New Hampshire.(1)

*Marion P.'s children (named Kimball):*

**11-3** i Paul Woodman[11].

**11-4** ii Robert Giddings[11].

Note:

1. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**Leona Maud Page[10] (Alta M. Jones Page[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-21.** Leona Maud, b. 30 Apr 1898, was a secretary to Judge Henry A. Shute, author of *The Real Diary of a Real Boy.* She married John Valentine Russell, who was Chief Executive Officer of Philadelphia Factory Mutual Insurance Company.(1)

*Leona Maud's child (named Russell):*

**11-5** i John Page[11].

Note:

1. All from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**Bern Joseph Alphonso Jones[10] (Walter W. Jones[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-22.** Bern Joseph Alphonso (Joe), was born 15 June 1916, operated a sport shop in North Conway, New Hampshire. When his Great Uncle Charles A. died in 1939 in Lee, New Hampshire, Joseph inherited $2,658.72. Joseph A. died in August 1965.(1)

*Bern Joseph A.'s children (named Jones):*

**11-6** i JoAnn[11].

ii Carol Ann[11], m. Mr. Solari in Jun 1964. In 1988 she lived in Fryeburg, ME.

Note:

1. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988; Strafford Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #A1089.

**Charles Herbert Eldridge[10] (Minnie C. Sargent Eldridge[9], Harriet Cilley Woodman Sargent[8], Jonathan[7-6-5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-23.** Charles Herbert married Nellie O'Leary. In 1921 he resided in Groton, Massachusetts.

*Charles' child (named Eldridge):*(1)

i Lorenzo[11], b. about 1914.

Note:

1. Letters from Charles F. Sargent, Bay State Bldg., 301 Essex St., Lawrence, MA, 10 Aug & 23 Aug 1921; biography form from Hattie Martha Hall, RFD, Burnham, ME, 17 Sep 1921.

**Horatio Leroy[10] (Asa Dunbar[9], Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-24.** Horatio Leroy was born 8 January 1858 at Merrimac, Wisconsin. At the age of two, he was with his parents in Lodi, Columbus County, Wisconsin, where his father was a day laborer. He accompanied his parents to Chicago after the great fire in 1871.(1)

Horatio's granddaughter Jo Anne Harms Stephens has the diary Horatio once kept. "According to the diary," Jo Anne wrote, "most of Horatio's spare time was spent on card playing, drinking and women. But after a business trip to Michigan where he stayed at his Aunt Abigail Atwood Cole's house, women are mentioned less and then fade away. They are replaced by his cousin Nellie. He can't think of anything but her; [he] moons around and even writes poetry to her." He was twenty-four when they married on Nellie's seventeenth birthday in Chicago.(2)

The bride was Nellie True Andrews who was born on Christmas Eve, 1865, at Riverside, Berrien County, Michigan. She was the daughter of George S. and Abigail Atwood (Cole) Andrews.

"Their first child was born eight months and four days later," Jo Anne continued. "He was really smitten with her and apparently she was with him also."

Horatio was devoted to the theater and was fascinated by the supernatural and seances. His granddaughter Jo Anne Harms wrote, "Horatio writes (in his diary) many times about 'circles,' mediums,' etc, mostly they attended them at someone else's house but once they had one in their home . . . One spirit they contacted had the name of 'Prairie Flower.' Several times Horatio writes that he gives up smoking and drinking."(3)

A carpenter in Elkhart, Indiana, Horatio wrote, "There is nothing in my life that is worth publishing – no event that is of any interest. I belong to that great army of human beings that are here because they cannot help it."(4)

Horatio died 12 August 1924 at Elkhart and was buried at Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Cook County, Illinois. Nellie died 25 September 1932 and is buried with Horatio L.(5) Their lives must have been very sad. Horatio and Nellie had nine children. Four of them died in childhood. "One died," wrote Jo Anne Stephens, "of blood poisoning from playing 'kick the can.' Pneumonia and childhood diseases carried the others away." Three more died in 1918 in early manhood – two from the flu epidemic, the other from wounds he suffered in World War I. Only two of the nine reached adulthood.

***Horatio Leroy Woodman***

*Horatio L.'s children:*(6)

i Harold LaGrange[11], b. 28 Aug 1883 in Chicago. He d. 3 Feb 1897 at Evergreen Park, IL.

ii Mark Elmon[11], b. 16 Oct 1887 in Chicago; d. there 22 Sep 1892.

iii Clarence Elbridge[11], b. 12 Jan 1890 in Chicago; he d. 4 Feb 1892.

**11-7** iv George Andrews[11], b. 4 May 1892.

v Gail Otis[11], b. 6 Dec 1893 in Chicago. He became a soldier in Co. A, 132 Infantry. Wounded in France, he was sent to England where he d. 3 Dec 1918 in Tollenham Hospital, London, England.

In February of 1919 Nellie received a letter from Lily Edmunds of England. It is not clear whether Lily worked for the Red Cross or if she was Gail's girlfriend.

> I hear that you have been officially told of your boy's death, . . . I don't think he realized the end was so near. He was never so bright after the 2nd operation, in fact he had a dazed appearance. Each time I saw him after [he] always complained of headaches and pains. One Sunday he quite frightened me, for I had never seen anyone really ill before. The poor boy had got very weak and his hands trembled . . . the next Sunday he seemed so much better . . . and I felt very good about him all the week . . . I went on Sunday and was horrified to find he had died the Tuesday previous. I expect the abcess was growing & at last burst or something like that.

> I wrote to the nurse to let me know if Gail should become worse to let me know, but I didn't get any word or I might have gone to him at the last. [Lily wrote that the hospital had shipped all of Gail's belongings home] . . . I will be anxious to know if you get those things alright. There ought to be the little piece of shrapnel that was taken from Gail's forehead, he showed it to me one day. It will be a great pleasure to me to look after the grave. The cemetery is the loveliest place possible, so I am told, and is about twenty to thirty miles from London . . . I wish enough things might have been otherwise, but everything is done for our good I expect. I should so love a photograph of Gail, if you have one to spare. I hope it is not asking too much. Lily Edmunds.

And then another letter arrived for Nellie, "Gail was one of our best comrades and was liked by everybody . . . We trust the Lord has taken Gail to Himself." This one was signed by fifty-eight men of Co. A.(7)

***Gail Otis Woodman***

Horatio L. had Gail's body sent back to the U.S. and buried him at Mount Greenwood. "When the casket came back," wrote his granddaughter, "Horatio insisted on looking at the remains, but would not let his wife look."(8)

**11-8**

vi Edna Abigail[11], b. 22 Sep 1896.

vii Roy Horatio[11], was b. 29 Sep 1898 at Evergreen Park, IL. He enlisted in the 132nd Infantry in 1917 and was sent to Camp Logan in Houston, TX. He d. down there in the great flu epidemic complicated by pneumonia 27 Apr 1918. Horatio L.'s granddaughter, Jo Anne wrote, "they said his cot and all the tents in the Army camp in Texas were sitting in water."(9)

viii Asa Dunbar[11], b. 31 Oct 1902, at Evergreen Park, IL; d. there 27 Mar 1914.

ix Martha Jane[11], b. 21 Oct 1904, at Evergreen Park, IL. She m. Earl Devon Stauffer 2 Aug 1924. She d. 31 Aug 1985. She is buried at Bristol, Elkhart Co., IN.

Notes:

1. Letters from Horatio Leroy Woodman, Elkhart, IN, 18 Aug 1921 and 28 Aug 1921; 1860 Census Lodi, WI.
2. Letter from Jo Anne Harms Stephens, W5537 Fire Lane 12, Manasha, WI 54952, 5 Aug 1990.
3. Ibid.
4. Horatio Leroy letter 18 Sep 1921.
5. Family sheet from Jo Anne Harms Stephens, 1990.
6. Horatio's letter 18 Aug 1921; family sheet from Jo Anne Harms Stephens.
7. Letter from Lily Edmunds, 98 Lucien Road Upper Looting, SW 14, 1 Feb1919; Letter from 1st Sgt. W.E. Martin, Co. A, 132nd Inf., U.S. Infantry, Olingen, Luxembourg, 7 Feb 1919.
8. Letter from Jo Anne Harms Stephens, 5 Aug 1990.
9. Ibid.

***Horatio Leroy Woodman, Jr***

**Fred B.[10] (Asa Dunbar[9], Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-25.** Fred was born in Lodi, Wisconsin 28 September 1870. At the age of one year he was taken to Chicago where he received his schooling.

When he was nineteen, Fred moved to Seattle, Washington, and then to Winslow, Washington, where he married Sadie M. Scott. Sadie was born 3 August 1869, the daughter of Edward E. and Cordelia (Scoles) Scott. Fred was to receive $100.00 when his Uncle Elbridge died in 1899.(1) In 1905 Fred moved to Great Falls, Montana, where he died 22 December 1914.

*Fred's child:*

i Harold LeGrange[11], was b. 15 Dec 1900 at Winslow, WA, where he attended school. In 1915 he became an apprenticed machinist at the Winslow Marine R. Rand Ship Building Company. In 1921 his mother Sadie wrote, "For the past two years he has been working as oiler or watertender on merchant vessels. He is at present, making his third trip to the Orient and hopes on returning [sic] to Seattle, to get third engineer's papers."(2)

Notes:

1. Hillsborough Co., NH, Probate Records, Docket #18034.
2. A letter from Sadie M. Scott Woodman, written at Horatio Leroy Woodman's house in Elkhart, IN, 18 Sep 1921.

**Myrtie Belle Bean[10] (Adelaide Frances French Bean[9], Louisa Isabella Woodman French[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-26.** Myrtie Belle was born 24 December 1874; she married William Henry Peare, an architect, 14 August 1906. In 1921 they lived at 32 Essex St., E. Lynn (?), Massachusetts.(1)

*Myrtie B.'s child (named Peare):*

i Robert Slade[11].

Note:

1. Letters from Adelaide Frances Bean, Ashbury Grove, MA, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA 31 Aug and 9 Sep 1921.

**Linnie Louise Bean[10] (Adelaide Frances French Bean[9], Louisa Isabella Woodman French[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-27.** Linnie Louise was born 14 July 1877. On 2 October 1902 she married Fred Ashton Norton who dealt in insurance and real estate. In 1921 they lived at 32 Nursery Street, Salem, Massachusetts.(1)

*Linnie L.'s children (named Norton):*

i Adelaide[11].

ii Arthur Robson[11].

Note:

1. Letters from Adelaide Frances Bean, Asbury Grove, MA, 32 Nursery St., Salem, MA 31 Aug and 9 Sep 1921.

**William Merton[10] (John A.[9], George Andrew[8], Andrew[7-6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-28.** William Merton was born 10 April 1887. He married Anna Kirby 22 February 1911.

In 1904 William Merton of Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts, inherited six silver teaspoons marked "W." and twelve silver-plated knives and forks from Harriet E. Woodman, the wife of Ebenezer French Woodman, who was the brother of William M.'s grandfather. William Merton died 12 February 1920.(1)

*William Merton's children:*

i Muriel[11], b. 30 Dec 1911, 27 Hunt Ave., Braintree, MA.

ii Dana[11], b. 20 Oct 1916.

Note:

1. Letter from Adelaide Esther Moulton, Franklin, NH, 29 Sep 1921; Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Docket #7304.

**Harold Hawkins Hart[10] (Sands Milton Hart[9], John Simpson Hart[8], Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-29.** Harold Hawkins was born 3 July 1882; married May Moore 17 November 1907. In 1921 they lived in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. The letterhead of the Racine Woolen Manufacturing Company listed Harold as president of the company in 1921.(1)

*Harold H.'s children (named Hart):*

i Lucius Sands[11].

ii Stella Louise[11].

iii Richard Moore[11].

Note:

1. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

**John Shelley Hart[10] (Sands Milton Hart[9], John Simpson Hart[8], Susan S. Woodman Hart[7], Joshua[6-5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-30.** John Shelley, born 16 January 1885; married Hannah C. Hall 18 October 1909. In 1921 John was living in Racine, Wisconsin, treasurer of the Racine Woolen Manufacturing Company.(1)

*John S.'s children (named Hart):*

i Willis C.[11], b. 17 Oct 1910.
ii Margaret E.[11], b. 6 Oct 1912.
iii John Shelley, Jr.[11], b. 5 Jun 1919.

Note:
1. Letter from John Shelley Hart, Racine, WI, 24 Oct 1921.

**William W.[10] (James J.[9], Joseph Johnson[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-31.** William W. was born 14 December 1883 at Dover, New Hampshire.

*John W.'s child:*(1)

i Ruth[11].

Note:
1. A letter from John A. Woodman, 32 Bay View Avenue, Lynn, MA, 7 Aug 1921; an undated biography sheet from James J. Woodman, Lynn, MA.

**Arthur Lawrence[10] (James J.[9], Joseph Johnson[8], Joshua[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-32.** Arthur Lawrence was born 17 January 1887 at Dover, New Hampshire, and was educated there and at Lynn, Massachusetts.

He married Bertha F. Miller at Lynn, Massachusetts, 15 September 1906. She was born 17 February 1889 at Wilmington, Massachusetts, the daughter of Alfred and Ada (Jellison) Miller.

Arthur L. wrote that he was 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed 165 pounds and had a light complexion. He had always lived at Lynn, Massachusetts.(1)

*Arthur L.'s children:*

i Helen F.[11], b. 23 Mar 1907.
ii Lawrence W.[11], b. 1 Mar 1909.
iii Ruth A.[11], b. 22 Mar 1911.

Note:
1. An undated biography sheet from James J. Woodman, Lynn, MA, 1921.

**Martha Emma Wills[10] (Nellie Piper Philbrick Wills[9], Jane E. Eastman Philbrick[8], Eliza Woodman Eastman[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-33.** Martha Emma was born 21 May 1898. She married Stratten Shartel 20 January 1919. Stratten was in the real estate and loan business in Neosho, Missouri, in 1921.(1)

*Martha E.'s child (named Shartel):*

i Mary Jane[11], b. 2 Dec 1919.

Note:
1. A biography from John W. Eastman, R#1, Laconia, NH, 19 Sep 1921.

**John Llewellyn[10] (Edwin Augustus[9], Thornton Asbury[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-34.** John Llewellyn was born 27 May 1914; married Dorene Wilcox who was born 10 November 1922. Lived in Delton, Michigan.(1)

*John Llewellyn's children:*

i Marilyn Dorene[11], b. 10 Sep 1951.
ii John Llewellyn, Jr.[11], b. 2 Apr 1954.

Note:

1. *Descendants of Capt. John Woodman[2] and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 76, 97.

**Orville Jones Damon[10], (Ida Molly Jones Damon[9], Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-35.** Orville Jones was born 22 January 1884. In 1921 he was married, living in Richland, Michigan.(1)

*Orville J.'s children (named Damon):*

i Basil L.[11], b. 26 Dec 1908.
ii Eleanor[11], b. 8 Feb 1914.
iii Ava[11], b. Apr 1916.

Note:

1. Letter from Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones, Delton, MI, 12 May 1921.

**Frank Damon[10] (Ida Molly Jones Damon[9], Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones[8], Samuel Calef[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-36.** Frank was born 5 March 1887. In 1921 he was married and living in Delton, Michigan.(1)

*Frank's children (named Damon):*

i Ralph[11], b. 14 Jul 1907.
ii Jack[11], b. 27 Jun 1916.
iii Jean[11], b. 29 Jul 1918.

Note:

1. Letter from Mary Adelaide Woodman Jones, Delton, MI, 12 May 1921.

**Edith Gray[10] (Dana Chesley[9], George Elmer[8], Charles Chase[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-37.** Edith Gray was born 13 May 1920. In her father's will she was called Edith W. Lalish of Downers Grove, Illinois.(1)

*Edith G.'s children – all of Downers Grove (named Lalish):*

i Jeffrey A.[11]
ii Gregory G.[11]
iii Beth G.[11]

Note:

1. An undated biography sheet from George E. Woodman, Northwood, NH, in 1921; Rockingham Co., NH, Probate Records, Exeter, NH, Docket #49046.

**James Gilbert Grubb[10] (Helen G. Rhodes Grubb[9], Clara G. Woodman Rhodes[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-38.** James Gilbert was born 1 December 1927. On 7 July 1950 he married Jeannette Davis who was born 28 November 1929. His sister Barbara Ann wrote, "When my brother, Jim, returned from the service, he went to college at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, just ten miles from Elkton. He majored in animal husbandry but never felt that he had the necessary capital to farm for a living. He worked at the Chrysler plant in Newark and lived on a ten-acre plot of ground where he raised beef cattle, chickens and had a large garden."

Jeannette died 1 May 1979 and Jim married Kazuko Hoshino (Kay) Frazee on 13 April 1980. Kay was born 28 February 1931, "a woman who had been a Japanese war bride and was widowed. He has now retired to Florida. His children all live in the Newark area."(1)

*James G. and Jeannette's children (named Grubb):*

**11-9** i Constance[11], b. 17 Feb 1951.

**11-10** ii James Michael[11], b. 19 Mar 1955.

iii Helen Jane[11], b. 5 Mar 1962. On 10 Apr 1982 she m. Joseph Comely Klose who was b. 13 Jul 1961.

Note:

1. A letter and genealogy chart from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY 13407, 18 Sep 1983 and letter 19 Jan 1985.

**Barbara Ann Grubb[10] (Helen G. Rhodes Grubb[9], Clara G. Woodman Rhodes[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-39.** Barbara Ann was born 11 February 1929 in Chicago, Illinois. Barbara Ann wrote:

When I graduated from high school, I went to Mary Washington College, the Women's College of the University of Virginia for two years. During the summer, I got a typing job (you would never believe that from the looks of this letter) with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, DC.

My parents had decided that they could not put two children through college at the same time and that it was more important for Sam to go. Being too young, too dumb or too proud to think about financial aid, I continued to work and took some night classes. Then I met my husband. My parents did not approve of Carl because he was first generation American and had just gotten out of the service and didn't have a college education. After agonizing over this, breaking up and going back again, in spite of my father's dire prediction that 'it wouldn't last six months,' we were married 25 February 1950 and will celebrate our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary next month. Carl, who was born 6 August 1929, worked as did his father-in-law for many years for Montgomery Ward and Company (does history repeat itself?) working his way up to store manager through a series of moves and promotions which finally brought him to the Herkimer, New York, store. At this point our daughter was a senior in high school and we decided not to move again. Our moves had been hard on her and she was very shy. We settled where we were and bought a house and Carl is now working for the newspapers as an advertising representative. When we came to this area, I decided to go back to college and graduated at age forty. No longer young and dumb, I used student loans, state grants, and scholarships to complete a Masters Degree in social work and have been working for the last fourteen years as a psychiatric social worker with Oneida County."(1)

*Barbara Ann's children (named Casciere):*

i Patricia Ann[11], b. 29 Jun 1952. Barbara Ann wrote:

Our daughter, Pat, received a degree from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY. She was one of seven girls in her class and the first girl to be on the Woodsman's Team where she competed and won several events. She began working in

> South Carolina for International Paper Company, where she met her husband who is also a forester. [Thomas Straka, born 17 Dec 1949, whom she married 19 Jun 1952.] After a couple of years work, they both went back to school to Virginia Polytechnical Institute where she got a Masters and he a Doctorate. Now he is teaching at the University of Mississippi and she is working for Crown Zellerback as Forest Inventory Supervisor. Lest you think she is an amazon, she tells me she sometimes goes to the office at night to figure out quilt patterns on her color computer. I think she is the perfect example of a feminine woman in a man's field. When we are able to get together, we spend hours in needlework shops and enjoy each other's company.

ii Michael Lane[11], was b. 25 May 1954. A physical therapist, Mike graduated from Boston University and went to Burlington, NC, to work. On 4 Jun 1977 he m. Debra Carol Clapp, a nurse, who was b. 15 Dec 1954.

iii Carl Bruce[11], was b. 21 Jul 1959. Like his brother he is a physical therapist. On 9 Jul 1983 he m. Jeanne Mabel Quinlivan. His mother, Barbara Ann, wrote:

> Bruce went to the University of Buffalo and married a Buffalo girl who was in the class behind him in school. After several moves, they now have a business of their own in Fayettesville, NC. Jeanne is also a physical therapist. They are going to make us grandparents in August. I completed one baby blanket and started knitting another before I realized that in North Carolina in August this baby is definitely not going to need a blanket.

iv Kenneth Rhodes[11], was b. 22 Jan 1963. "Our youngest son, Kenneth, is now a senior at the University of Buffalo in business management. He is busily sending out resumes hoping to find a job by spring. He looks most like me."

Note:

1. A genealogy chart from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY 13407, 18 Sep 1983 and letter 19 Jan 1985; Barbara A.'s D.A.R. application.

## Samuel Parry Grubb, Jr.[10] (Helen G. Rhodes Grubb[9], Clara G. Woodman Rhodes[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-40.** Samuel Parry, Jr. was born 23 October 1931. On 31 August 1957 he married Margery Godsey. They divorced 23 May 1974 and he married Marion.

His sister, Barbara Ann, wrote, "My younger brother, Sam, went to Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and studied accounting . . . and is now living in Florida and working in his own wholesale paper – office supply business. His first wife and children are in the Washington, DC, area.(1)

*Samuel Parry, Jr.'s children (named Grubb):*

i Samuel Parry, III[11], b. 3 Jul 1959. He m. Julia Meeks 25 Aug 1983. In 1985 he was an engineer living in the Maryland suburbs.

ii Thomas Gerard[11], b. 7 Aug 1966. In 1985 he attended the University of Maryland.

Note:

1. A letter and genealogy chart from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY 13407, 18 Sep 1983 and letter 19 Jan 1985.

## Oscar Raymond[10] (Walter David[9], Stephen Mead[8], William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-41.** Oscar Raymond was born 13 March 1894 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. He married Elizabeth Towbridge who was born 13 May 1895, the daughter of E. J. and Eva Towbridge of Sanbornton. In 1921 he was an electrician in Laconia, New Hampshire.(1)

Oscar R. is said to have died 31 October 1958 and Elizabeth died 14 October 1965.

*Oscar R.'s children:*(2)

11-11 i Wilfred Harold[11], b. 22 Aug 1917.
11-12 ii Rogers Towbridge[11], b. 18 Aug 1919.
11-13 iii Douglas Edward[11], b. 11 Dec 1920.

Notes:
1. An undated biography form from Walter David Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 1921.
2. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

**Alice Marion[10] (Walter D.[9], Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

10-42. Alice Marion was born 4 July 1895. On 3 November 1920 she married Olin Avery Joslyn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement D. Joslyn of Waitsfield, Vermont. Born 5 August 1895, Olin enlisted in World War I on 8 February 1918. After serving eleven months overseas, he was discharged 15 May 1919. In 1921 they lived in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.(1)

Alice M. died about 1974.

*Alice M.'s children (named Joslyn):*(2)

i Marion[11].
ii Helen[11].
iii Phyllis[11].
iv Joyce[11].
v Everett[11].
vi Arlene[11].

Notes:
1. An undated biography form from Walter David Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 1921.
2. A letter from Mrs. Arthur S. Woodman, 452 Mammoth Road, R. #8, Londonderry, NH 03053, 24 Aug 1984.

**Ernest Freedom[10] (Walter D.[9], Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

10-43. Ernest Freedom was born 28 April 1899. On 3 May 1917 he enlisted in World War I and was discharged 31 December 1919, having spent four months overseas. In 1921 he was an electrician living in Malden, Massachusetts.(1) He married Bessie Lane (?). He died 6 December 1944.(2) I'm sure his will is Docket #18739 in Belknap County, New Hampshire. Bessie L. d. 9 May 1956 in Sanbornton, New Hampshire. Bessie's probate record is Docket #18-1831 in Belknap County.

*Ernest F.'s child:*(3)

11-14 i Pauline G.[11], b. about 1921-1923.

Notes:
1. An undated biography form from Walter David Woodman, RFD #1, Laconia, NH, 1921.
2. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 78.
3. A letter from Mrs. Arthur S. Woodman, 452 Mammoth Road, R. #8, Londonderry, NH 03053, 24 Aug 1984.

**Arthur Stone[10] (Clarence John[9], George[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

10-44. Arthur Stone was born 10 June 1926. On 19 June 1948 he married Rosemary Jackson.

Rosemary wrote, "Arthur has been a banker all of his life. He started in the bookkeeping

room and advanced to assistant cashier, cashier, vice-president, president and now is a consultant. We've moved a few times for this to take place." She continued, "I'm a teacher of fresh, dry and silk design. Our life is most enjoyable with our children and grandchildren."(1)

In 1984 they lived in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

*Arthur S.'s children:*

i Eric[11], m. Kathryn. In 1984 they lived in Londonderry.

ii A daughter who married and had a daughter. Perhaps others.

Note:

1. A telephone conversation with Rosemary J. Woodman, 452 Mammoth Rd., R #8, Londonderry, NH 03053, Mar 1984; letters 13 Apr and 24 Aug 1984.

**Frances M. Merriam[10] (Herman Merriam[9], Betsey C. Bowen Merriam[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-45.** Frances M. was born 25 October 1897. She married Harold P. Foster in Belfast, Maine, 24 June 1923. He was the son of Loren T. and Emma F. (Thompson) Foster.(1)

*Frances M.'s children (named Foster):*

i Thomas[11], a veteran of World War II, he graduated from Capital Radio Engineering Institute, Washington, DC.

ii Frank[11], an air force instructor.

iii Caroline[11], employed at State Street Trust Company, in Boston, MA.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 251.

**Fred Augustus Merriam[10] (Herman Merriam[9], Betsey C. Bowen Merriam[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-46.** Fred Augustus was born 14 June 1907. He married Madelyn Scott, the daughter of Harry L. and Maude G. Scott.(1)

*Fred A.'s children (named Merriam):*

i Sandra Gail[11], b. 22 Dec 1934.

ii Scott Richard[11], b. 28 Apr 1941.

iii Sharon Laura[11], b. 15 Oct 1944.

iv Sheila Arlene[11], b. 22 Sep 1946.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 251.

**Edward E. Merriam[10] (Herman Merriam[9], Betsey C. Bowen Merriam[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-47.** Edward E. was born 4 April 1910. He married Helen _____; died 1955.(1)

*Edward E.'s children (named Merriam):*

i Paul[11].

ii Priscilla[11].

iii Elaine[11].

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 251.

**Hope N. Merriam[10] (Herman Merriam[9], Betsey C. Bowen Merriam[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-48.** Hope N. was born 24 September 1913. She married Philip Treadwell.(1)

*Hope N.'s children (named Treadwell):*

i Linda[11].

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 251.

**Josephine W. Merriam[10] (Herman Merriam[9], Betsey C. Bowen Merriam[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-49.** Josephine W. was born 15 March 1916. In Belfast, Maine, on 3 September 1934 she married Clyde L. Stickney of Liberty. Josephine divorced Clyde and married Chester C. Grady of Belfast who adopted her three children.(1)

*Josephine W.'s children (named Stickney – later named Grady):*

i Mary Elizabeth[11], b. 23 Oct 1936.
ii Nancy Lee[11], b. 24 Jul 1938.
iii Croll[11], b. 13 Oct 1935.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 251.

**Lawrence Knowlton Bowen[10] (Ernest E. Bowen[9], Daniel O. Bowen[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-50.** Lawrence Knowlton was born 29 August 1919. On 15 July 1940 he enlisted, serving thirty-three months overseas as a staff sergeant in Company K, 103rd Infantry. He earned a citation for heroic action at Luzon.

Following his discharge on 17 August 1945, he met and married Mrs. Marjorie (Wing) Wood in Bangor, Maine, 16 June 1948. Marjorie was born at Liberty, Maine, the daughter of Otis and Lucy (Hall) Wing. She was the widow of Melvin A. Wood.(1)

*Lawrence K.'s children (named Bowen):*

i Linda Joyce[11], b. 21 Oct 1948 at Camden, ME.
ii Darrell Ernest[11], b. 25 Oct 1949.
iii Tolman Lawrence[11], b. 5 Aug 1953.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* pp. 57-58.

**Lois Carolyn Bowen[10] (Ernest E. Bowen[9], Daniel O. Bowen[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-51.** Lois Carolyn was born 4 November 1925. She married her cousin Ralph L. Overlock, Jr., son of Ralph L. and Viola (Knowlton) Overlock. They lived in Freedom, Maine.(1)

*Lois Carolyn's children (named Overlock):*

i Ronald L.[11], b. 20 May 1949.
ii Patty[11], b. 4 Jul; d. 11 Jul 1952.

Note:

1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 57.

**Andrew Crosby Bowen[10] (Ernest E. Bowen[9], Daniel O. Bowen[8], Charlotte S. Woodman Bowen[7], Ezra[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-52.** Andrew Crosby was born 15 January 1930. A member of the Belfast, Maine National Guard since October 1947, he enlisted in the Air Force 2 May 1950. On 1 August 1951, in Milltown, Wisconsin, he married Doris Elaine Swanson, the daughter of Lester Swanson of that town. By 1952 he was a staff sergeant in Japan.(1)

*Andrew Crosby's child (named Bowen):*

i Patrick Andrew[11], b. 14 Mar (sic); d. 15 Mar 1952.

Note:
1. *A Genealogical History of the Families of Morrill, ME,* p. 58.

**Gilbert Ralston[10] (Commodore B.[9], Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-53.** Gilbert Ralston, born 18 November 1902 in Comer, Bird Township, Macoupin County, Illinois. Like his father he seemed to be born with a talent for music. It is said he could identify a piece of music after hearing it but once. He married Bina _____. At one time he lived at 111 East Adams, Alhambra, California 91801.(1)

*Gilbert R.'s children:*

i Imogene[11].

**11-15** ii Gilbert Ralston[11].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; obituaries of Elijah Franklin and Regina Woodman.

**Verna May[10] (Commodore B.[9], Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-54.** Verna May was born 2 December 1907 in Illinois, 1-1/2 miles northeast of Bunker Hill. She married Harry Franklin Black 10 April 1930. She died 13 September 1943.

*Verna May's child (named Black):*

i Barbara May[11], b. 9 Jan 1933. She probably m. Lt. Col. Melville B. Emerson 31 Dec 1954. She probably also m. Ira Gay Biggerstaff who at one time lived at Blackwood Ranch, Box 122, Star Route #1, Maricopa, CA 93252. She probably had no children.(1)

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; obituaries of Elijah Franklin and Regina Woodman.

**Burl Udell[10] (Commodore B.[9], Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-55.** Burl Udell, born 18 February 1912 in Bird Township (?), Macoupin County, Illinois. He married Doris Kenney.(1)

*Burl Udell's children:*

i Donna[11], b. 3 Nov 1933; m. Robert Green.

ii Burl Udell[11], b. 3 Oct 1937; m. Bonnie Corrine Hogge 10 May 1959. He or his father, at one time, lived at 1955 Elkhorn Road, Castroville, CA 95012.

iii Cora Lee[11], b. 18 Jul 1944.

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; obituaries of Elijah Franklin and Regina Woodman.

**Elma Frances[10] (Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-56.** Elma Frances was born 22 October 1910 in Macoupin County, Illinois. It was difficult for the six-year-old Elma when her mother left the family in 1916, which resulted in the divorce of her parents. It was also traumatic for Elma when her father remarried in 1919, for the young bride was but ten years older than she.

Elma accompanied her father and new stepmother to a farm in Campbell, Missouri, where the young couple began their new life beset by financial problems which were to continue to the end of the marriage.

Madly in love, by early 1924, Elma's father and new bride had produced two small sons whom they adored. The young Elma could not help but feel as though she were an outsider.

By 1926, having suffered one financial failure after another, the family left the farm and resettled in El Reno, Oklahoma, where Elma attended school.

Elma's father died the next year in June, leaving young seventeen-year-old Elma hundreds of miles away from her familiar southern Illinois where she had spent her young childhood, and where her grandparents and her father's many young sisters lived. Now Elma was left in the care of a twenty-seven-year-old widow who had no money with two small sons, aged three and six.

In 1930 Elma married Ralph Peterka in El Reno. About six years later, leaving her unhappy marriage behind, Elma took her two small daughters and went to Pekin, Illinois, to be near her mother whom she had never stopped loving. In a country still rocked by depression, in a town suffering from a shortage of jobs, Elma began working as secretary and timekeeper for the W.P.A., a government public works program.

In 1943 Elma secured a job with the Caterpillar Tractor Company in East Peoria – a job she loved – and where she remained until her retirement thirty-one years later in 1974.

***Elma Frances Woodman (center) about 1914***

Along the way Elma married twice more – William Payne on 5 August 1945 and Lyle Francis Roberts on 5 January 1948, but neither lasted.

Following her retirement, Elma traveled extensively, and unable to leave her beloved Caterpillar completely, she spent untold time doing volunteer office work.

A member of the United Auto Workers Local 974 Retirees Club, Elma was recording secretary; she was on the golf and bowling teams of the Caterpillar Girls Club. In the caterpillar Retirees Club, Elma served as corresponding secretary, membership chairman as well as working on both the publication and decorating committees. Elma was a member of the Region 4 Illinois State Council of Senior Citizens and the Morton, Illinois Community Service Board.

Elma was the first female to be honored with the Kenny Johnson Award for Meritorious

Service to Mankind. In addition she often volunteered for the Salvation Army, Easter Seals and United Way. She also made hospital visits to members of her retirement clubs. Elma was a member of the Cloverleaf Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. In addition she was a member of the prestigious National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Elma died 11 September 1994 in Peoria, Illinois. She was buried in Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois.(1)

*Elma and Ralph's children (named Peterka):*

**11-16** i Joan Francis[11], b. 31 Oct 1930.

**11-17** ii Nancy Jean[11], b. 10 Mar 1933.

*Elma and Lyle's child (named Roberts):*

**11-18** iii Melody Jan[11], b. 5 Nov 1948.

Note:

1. Notes and conversations with Elma Frances Woodman Peterka Roberts, East Peoria, IL, 1990; obituary.

## Edward Bryce[10] (Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-57.** Edward Bryce was born 6 January 1920 in Campbell, Missouri, and since birth has been called "Bryce." He accompanied his parents to El Reno, Oklahoma, probably in early 1926, and grew up there, attending the local schools.

On 21 October 1942, Bryce became a member of Company L, 383rd Infantry, 96th Division in World War II. While participating in the assault on Leyte Island in the Pacific, he was wounded. Following a stay in a field hospital in New Guinea, Bryce was returned to his outfit where he remained until he was discharged 12 January 1946 as a private first class.

Following his service, he went to Wichita, Kansas, where he attended the Wichita Business College. He married Helen Doris Williams 23 August 1947 in Wichita, Kansas. Helen was born 16 May 1920 in Hutchinson, Kansas, the daughter of Glen Raymond and Hazel Louise (Craig) Williams of Hutchinson. Bryce was employed by the Boeing Company in 1948 – first as a planner, then as a buyer. After thirty-eight years, Bryce retired.

During World War II, Helen worked at Beech Aircraft, in Wichita. She had completed part of her nurse's training and following the war she was employed for a number of years at the Wichita Clinic and St. Francis Hospital. Helen died of cancer 12 January 1990.

*Bryce's children:*

**11-19** i Craig Franklin[11], b. 10 Oct 1949.

ii Ann Louise[11], b. 21 Feb 1952 in Wichita, KS, where she attended the public schools. She entered Wichita State University in 1970 where, because she was constantly employed, spent the next six years earning a B.A. in Education from the Department of Physical Education.

Ann became a strong swimmer as a child. By the time she was a sophomore in high school, she was employed by the Wichita Park Department as a lifeguard and recreation instructor. She spent close to twelve years as an Aquatic Director for the YMCA, Wichita State Heskett Campus Recreation Center and the Nesma Recreation Services in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. She has a great deal of experience directing programs for women and children.

In 1986 Ann changed careers. She reentered Wichita State University for her prerequisites for a degree in nursing. By 1988 she was prepared to attend Saint Mary's of the Plains College, Wichita division, where she received a B.S. in Nursing in the spring of 1990.

On 26 June 1973 Ann married Larry Robert Wycoff in Argonia, Kansas. Larry was born in

Wellington, Kansas, 2 November 1949, the son of Robert and Lucille (Nafziger) Wycoff of Argonia, Kansas.

Ten years later, in Athens, Greece, Ann married Allan Barmore Meahen, III, on 9 October 1983. Allan was born in Jonestown, New York, 29 July 1951, the son of Alice and Allan Barmore Meahen, II, of Cleveland, Ohio. Both marriages have ended in divorce.

Ann has had a full, exciting life. While living in Yanbu, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, she traveled to Germany, Switzerland, Holland, France, Belgium, Singapore, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Spain, Canary Islands, Africa, and Greece. With her multiple husbands and her extensive travels, she is, perhaps, destined to be the "Auntie Mame" of the family.

In October of 1990 Ann was employed as an intensive care nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. She has no children.(1)

iii Edward Kim[11], lived two hours.

Note:
1. Notes from Ann Louise Woodman.

**Roger Stevenson[10] (Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-58.** Roger Stevenson was born in Campbell, Missouri, 30 January 1924. Early in 1926 his parents moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, where Roger attended the local schools, graduating from high school in 1941. Roger enrolled in the El Reno Junior College, but withdrew in March of 1942 and went to Wichita, Kansas. There Roger enrolled at the United Aircraft Training School where he studied a course in aeronautical drafting. In a few short months he took a job with Ross Engineering where he worked until the war ended in 1945. For one year he was employed by the O. A. Sutton Corporation.

On 28 December 1944, in Wichita, Kansas, Roger S. married Eloise Geraldine Meador. She was born in Teterville, Greenwood County, Kansas, 31 May 1923, the daughter of Louis Glenn and Freda May (Scott) Meador.

In 1947 Roger joined the Insul Wool Corporation where he worked until 1950, at which time he, with a friend, started a small manufacturing business making storm window panels.

In January 1954, having failed in the storm window business, Roger began working for the Chester Anderson Company, a building supply company. In June of 1961, at the age of thirty-seven, Roger bought part of the Chester L. Anderson Company, which he successfully operated as Claco Supply until his retirement in January of 1988. His ownership of the company continues. Christmas week of 1992, Roger (always called "Woody") discovered he had leukemia. For the next ten and one-half months he was brave and courageous, but he lost his battle and died 17 October 1993.

*Roger S.'s children:*

**11-20** i Steven Louis[11], b. 23 Jun 1952.

**11-21** ii Mark Franklin[11], b. 16 Mar 1955.

**Howard Woodman Wilson[10] (Josephine M. Woodman Wilson[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-59.** Howard Woodman was born 2 March 1919 in Carlinville, IL. He attended Washington and Lee University and the New Mexico Military Institute. He married Mariam Jenson Randolph 2 February 1939 in Leaksville, North Carolina. Mariam was born 9 February 1920 in Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of Pierce and Helen (Jenson) Randolph. Howard and Mariam lived in Carlinville, Illinois.(1)

*Howard W.'s child (named Wilson):*

**11-22** i Helen Maria[11], b. 8 Sep 1942 in Carlinville, IL.

Note:
1. Notes of telephone conversation with Howard W. Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**Marianne Daley[10] (Anna Orlene Woodman Daley[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-60.** Marianne (Billie) was born 18 September 1917. She married Wilbur Lee Henry 21 August 1937. Billie probably had a second husband, but it is not clear when. In 1990 she lived in Palm Desert, California.(1)

*Marianne's children (named Henry):*

**11-23** i Gayanne[11], b. 19 Jul 1939.

**11-24** ii Patricia Elizabeth[11], b. 21 Sep 1946.

Note:
1. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley, Gillespie, IL, about 1983.

**Louis Henry Daley[10] (Anna Orlene Woodman Daley[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-61.** Louis Henry (Hank) was born 21 December 1919. He married Earlene Mavis Starr of Carlinville, Illinois, 3 February 1943. Louis H. married a second wife Eleanor Liston of Carlinville in August 1946. His third wife was Rae Marie Hull Chessis of Gillespie, Illinois, 16 September 1947. In 1990 Louis Henry lived with his mother in Gillispie, Illinois; he was there in 1994 and his mother was in a nursing home.(1)

*Louis Henry and Earlene's children (named Daley):*

i Danin Starr[11], b. 15 Mar 1944.

*Louis Henry and Rae Marie's children:*

ii Linda Rae[11], b. 15 Jul 1948.

iii Louis Henry[11], b. 31 Jul 1949.

iv Mary Regina[11], b. 26 (or 29) Nov 1952; m. _____ Wright 14 Jul 1973.

Note:
1. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley, Gillespie, IL, about 1983.

**Elijah Woodman Daley[10] (Anna Orlene Woodman Daley[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-62.** Elijah Woodman was born 2 April 1925. He married Patricia Osborne 7 August 1945. In 1990 Elijah lived in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.(1)

*Elijah W.'s children (named Daley):*

i Elijah Woodman[11].

ii Harry Christopher[11].

iii William Osborne[11].

iv Patrick Michael[11].

v Moneen Patricia[11].

Note:
1. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley, Gillespie, IL, about 1983.

**Orin Clausen Keplinger, Jr.[10] (Lola T. Woodman Keplinger[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-63.** Orin Clausen, Jr. was born 7 November (or October) 1918 in Carlinville, Illinois. He married Marjorie Helen Huff 20 July 1939.

In 1990 he was moving from Rogers, Arkansas, to Cleveland, OH.(1)

*Orin Clausen's children (named Keplinger):*

**11-25** i Orin Clausen[11], b. 25 Aug 1941.

**11-26** ii Stephen H.[11], b. 20 Nov 1944.

iii Michael B.[11], b. 22 Oct 1952.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Howard Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**Eugene Welden Keplinger[10] (Lola T. Woodman Keplinger[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-64.** Eugene Welden was born 2 November 1920 near Hornsby, Illinois. He married Margaret E. Gregory, 2 April 1945. In 1990 Eugene and Margaret owned a recreational vehicle in which they traveled the country. At one time he lived at 3040 SW 5th, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33312.(1)

*Eugene W.'s children (named Keplinger):*

i John D.[11], b. 12 Jan 1947.

ii Carol Eugenia[11], b. 17 Feb 1949.

iii Kathleen Lewis[11], b. 2 Sep 1951.

iv Elizabeth Ann[11], b. 1 Feb 1954.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; notes of telephone conversation with Howard Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**John Woodman Keplinger[10] (Lola T. Woodman Keplinger[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-65.** John Woodman was born 2 December 1928. John W. married Dolors (sic) Coe. In 1990 John W. lived in Twinsberg, Ohio. At one time he lived at #3 Julian Drive, Athens, Ohio 45701.(1)

*John W.'s children (named Keplinger):*

i Jennifer B.[11], b. 27 Mar 1962; she d. 27 Aug 1966 of leukemia.

ii Orrie (Carrie?) Lynn[11], b. 4 Jul 1963.

Note:

1. Notes of Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.; notes of telephone conversation with Howard Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**Bettyjean Alberta Brown[10] (Gratia P. Woodman Brown[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-66.** Bettyjean Alberta was born 24 September 1922 at St. Louis, MO. On 17 March 1951 she married Jack D. Metz, who was born 25 February 1924. Bettyjean A. was a member of the D.A.R. She died in Sacramento, California.(1)

*Bettyjean's children (named Metz):*

i Richard Grandison[11], b. 18 Nov 1951. At one time lived at Citrus Heights, CA 95628.

ii Robert Jackson[11], b. 15 Jul 1953. At one time lived at Ontario, CA 91761.

iii Randy[11] at one time lived at Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Note:
1. Anna Woodman Daley; newsclipping of Gratia's wedding; D.A.R. application of Bettyjean A. Brown Metz; list of heirs of Regina Woodman Trust.

**Zella Pauline[10] (Oran (Ora) Ardious[9], Hiram Return[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-67.** Zella Pauline was born 11 June 1902 in Lawton, Oklahoma Territory. She married Jess Beckworth whom she met in San Jon, New Mexico. Jess was the son of Jess and Celestial Alice Beckworth of South West City, Missouri. They lived around Clovis and Portales, New Mexico.

Jess died the day after Christmas in 1970; Zella died of congestive heart failure 29 April 1989 in the Family Hospital Center in Amarillo, Randall County, Texas. Zella is buried at Floydada Cemetery, Floydada, Texas.(1)

*Zella's children (named Beckworth):*(2)

i Henrietta[11].
ii Hazel Ann[11], m. C. L. Smithson. In 1990 she lived at 5405 Lawrence, Amarillo, TX.
iii Betty Alice[11], m. Mr. Miller who d. in Jul 1991. In 1991 she lived at R. #2, Box 354, Canyon, TX 79105. She had children.
**11-27** iv Billy Jess[11].
**11-28** v Lloyd Earl[11], b. 7 Aug 1945.
vi An infant[11] who did not live.

Notes:
1. A telephone conversation with Betty Alice Beckworth Miller, 1 Oct 1990; Zella's death certificate, Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin, TX, State File #057125.
2. Telephone conversation with Pamela Sanders Beckworth, 816 N. California, Henrietta, TX 76365.

**Earl Sims Campbell[10] (Eulalie Sims Campbell[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-68.** Earl Sims was born 4 August 1897; he married Amy _____ of Feather River.(1)

*Earl's child (named Campbell):*

i Dwain[11], m. Rae and had Rachel[12] and Thelma[12].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Loy Woodman Campbell[10] (Eulalie Sims Campbell[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-69.** Loy Woodman was born 30 April 1899; he married Selma _____ of Visalia, California.(1)

*Loy's child (named Campbell):*

i Mary Eline[11].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Rene McFadzean Campbell[10] (Eulalie Sims Campbell[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-70.** Rene M. was born 11 September 1900; he married 1st Grace _____; married second Sue _____.(1)

*Rene's child (named Campbell):*

i Rowena[11], who married in TX.

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Retha Eulalie Campbell[10] (Eulalie Sims Campbell[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-71.** Retha Eulalie was born 24 December 1902. She married Robert Crookshank in Exeter, California.(1)

*Retha's children (named Crookshank):*

i Rae[11], m. Mildred _____ in TN.
ii Rex[11], m. Martha _____.
iii Marton[11].
iv Jack Hayworth[11], m. Gertrude _____ and had a son Jerry[12].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Dale Keegen Campbell[10] (Eulalie Sims Campbell[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-72.** Dale Keegen, born 22 February 1910, married Margaret Dexter of Mariposa, California.

*Dale's children (named Campbell):*(1)

i Dilmar[11].
ii Dexter[11].
iii Linda[11].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Vernon Sims[10] (Volney Adrian Sims[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-73.** Vernon married Inez _____ of Visalia, California, and lived on the homeplace southeast of Visalia, California.(1)

*Vernon's children (named Sims):*

i Gary[11].
ii Phil[11], m. Susan Kay Deire of Modesto, CA.
iii Maureen[11].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Winifred Martha Sims[10] (Volney Adrian Sims[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-74.** Winifred Martha was born 4 August 1911 at Farmersville, California. She was married 17 March 1937 near Visalia, California, to Frank Lyle Barnes by Reverend Leonard Brown. In 1964 she lived at 1720 Meadow Lane, Visalia.(1)

*Winifred M.'s children (named Barnes):*

i David[11].
ii Nancy[11].
iii William Roy[11].
iv Lonnie[11].
v Richard[11].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley; Winifred Martha Sims application for membership in the D.A.R.

**Robert Harden[10] (Avah Edith Sims Harden[9], Americus Josephine Woodman Sims[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-75.** Robert married Lorraine _____.

*Robert's children (named Harden):*(1)

i Norma[11].
ii Barbara[11].
iii Robert, Jr.[11]

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley notes.

**Goldie Davis[10] (Harry E. Davis[9], Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-76.** Goldie married _____ Langston.(1)

*Goldie's child (named Langston):*

i Billie Marie[11].

Note:
1. Harry E. Davis obituary sent by Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

**Ruth Marie Davis[10] (Delbert L. Davis[9], Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-77.** Ruth Marie Davis was born 1 September 1914 in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. She married Woodrow Wilson (Jack) Cash 2 April 1935 at Drumright, Oklahoma. Woodrow W. was born 23 November 1916 in Geary, Oklahoma, the son of Harvey Herron and Edna Viola (Lake) Cash. Woodrow W. died 6 February 1972 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is buried in Bristow, Oklahoma(1) Ruth Marie died 14 February 1992, at the home of her daughter, Mary Ann Winters, in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma. She is buried beside her husband in Bristow.

*Ruth Marie's child (named Cash):*

**11-29** i Mary Ann[11], b. 28 Nov 1939.

Note:
1. Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

**Virgil Nelson[10] (Virgil Nelson[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-78.** Virgil Nelson, Jr. was born 26 August 1924 in Gould, Oklahoma. In 1944 he married Norma Jean Anderson of Donna, Texas, who was born 12 August 1927. Her parents were from Nebraska.

In 1991 he likely lived in Donna, Texas.(1)

*Virgil Nelson, Jr.'s children:*

11-30 i Betty Jean[11], b. 21 Jan 1945.
11-31 ii Ronald N.[11], b. 27 Sep 1947.
11-32 iii Connie Ruth[11], b. 26 Jun 1951.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Vena Mae[10] (Virgil Nelson[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

10-79. Vena Mae was born 17 January 1926. She married Clifford K. Hood who was born 6 June 1922. Vena died of cancer 17 September 1983. She lived in the Donna, Texas area.(1)

*Vena Mae's children (named Hood):*

11-33 i Alice Ann[11], b. 22 Sep 1947.
11-34 ii Kelly C.[11], b. 4 Aug 1951.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**William Charles[10] (Virgil Nelson[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

10-80. William Charles was born 8 August 1932. He married Donna Jean Wilcox who was born 26 February 1936. In 1991 they probably lived in the Donna, Texas area.(1)

*William Charles' children:*

i Gary Wayne[11], b. 9 Aug 1953.
11-35 ii Carry (Cary?) Craig[11], b. 13 Dec 1956.
iii Stacy Jenette[11], b. 25 Aug 1960.
iv Jordan Shay[11].

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Eloise Bernice Fraser[10] (Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

10-81. Eloise Bernice was born 29 October 1920. On 13 April 1938 she married Thomas Lincoln Haverfield, who was born 5 September 1913. In 1991 they were in Whitehall, Illinois.(1)

*Eloise Bernice's children (named Haverfield):*

11-36 i Donald Gene[11], b. 1 Aug 1939.
11-37 ii Billie Cheryl[11], b. 16 Jun 1944.
11-38 iii Garold Wayne[11], b. 8 May 1946.
11-39 iv Joyce Rae[11], b. 16 Jul 1952 (a twin).
11-40 v Joy Kay[11], b. 16 Jul 1952 (a twin).

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Alleta Marie Fraser[10] (Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-82.** Alleta Marie was born 5 October 1924. She married Edwin Simonds. Alleta died in January 1972. Alleta lived in Wood River, Illinois.(1)

*Alleta M.'s children (named Simonds):*

i Frederick Steven[11], b. 27 Dec 1944; m. Nancy _____.
ii Scott[11].

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Albert Franklin Meyers[10] (Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-83.** Albert Franklin was born 31 March 1925 in Arlie, Texas. On 10 April 1948 he married Charlotte Vohs. In 1991 they lived in Alton, Illinois.(1)

*Albert F.'s children (named Meyers):*

**11-41** i Albert Franklin, Jr.[11], b. 8 Sep 1949.
**11-42** ii Estelle Ann[11], b. 19 Oct 1950.
**11-43** iii Marilyn Kay[11], b. 26 Feb. 1955.
**11-44** iv Thomas William[11], b. 13 Nov 1959.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**James Leroy Meyers[10] (Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-84.** James Leroy was born 12 October 1929 in Carlinville, Illinois. He married Betty Brown. In 1991 he lived in the Chicago area.(1)

*James Leroy's children (named Meyers):*

i James[11].
ii Bobby[11].
iii Tony[11].

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Charles Edward Meyers[10] (Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-85.** Charles Edward was born 20 February 1932 in Carlinville, Illinois. He married Carolyn Cravens 7 August 1958. She was born 2 July 1937. In 1991 they lived in Rockford, Illinois.(1)

*Charles Edward's children (named Meyers):*

**11-45** i Lyrlea Joyce[11], b. 5 Feb 1959.
**11-46** ii Laura Ellen[11], b. 29 Jul 1960.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Minnie Bernice Meyers[10] (Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-86.** Minnie Bernice was born 12 September 1935. On 12 April 1958 she married Wayne Westerhold. In 1991 they were living in Florissant, Missouri.

*Minnie Bernice's children (named Westerhold):*(1)

i Wayne Edward[11], b. 23 May 1959 in Alton, IL. He m. Catherine Elizabeth Beck who was b. 29 Apr 1963, the dau. of Robert and Sandy Beck of Loveland, CO. In 1991 they were living in North Carolina.

ii Frederick Alan[11], b. 11 Jul 1960 in Alton, IL. He m. Kellie Jean Conner who was b. 25 Sep 1961, the dau. of Jack and Barbara Gibblin (sic) of St. Louis, MO. In 1991 they lived in Austin, TX.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**William Benjamin[10] (James R.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-87.** William Benjamin was born 2 March 1935 in Wrights, Illinois. He joined the Marines in September of 1953 and served until September of 1956. Bill was at Pusan, South Korea and in Puerto Rico. In 1957 he married Virginia Bauser, the daughter of Paul and Lucille Bauser of Alton, Illinois. In 1971 William B. married Carol Rapp, the daughter of Alvin and Stella Huck of St. Louis, Missouri.

William B. lived in St. Louis for sixteen years, and for a while in Alton, Illinois. In 1987 he moved to Godfrey, Illinois, where he has been a mold-maker for Owens Glass of Illinois. In 1991, in poor health, William (Bill) contemplated retirement.(1)

*William B.'s children:*

i Catherine Louise[11], b. about 1957 in Alton, IL. She m. Tom Wilson, son of Tom Wilson. She m. second, Mr. Furlong. In 1990 Catherine lived in St. Peters, MO and had no children.

ii William Michael[11], b. about 1959 in Alton. In 1990 he was in Goleta, CA in plumbing and had not married.

iii Connie Joanne[11], b. about 1961 in Alton; m. James Anderson. In 1990 lived in St. Louis, MO and had one daughter.

iv Jeanette Marie[11], b. about 1962 in Alton, IL. m. Rob Paramenter. In 1990 lived in Godfrey, IL.

Note:
1. Telephone conversation with William Benjamin of Godfrey, IL, 29 Sep 1990.

**James Roy[10] (James R.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-88.** James Roy was born in Dotsonville, Texas, on 8 March 1936 (his birth is recorded at Hollis, Oklahoma). On 15 September 1953, at the age of seventeen, James Roy joined the Navy and spent the next twenty years there.(1) His first service was on the U.S.S. Kenneth Whiting, a ship that was a tender for sea planes, that patrolled the South China Sea.

On 4 December 1959 young James Roy married Carol Anita Beetham, a native of England, who was the daughter of Douglas W. and Anita (Chappell) Beetham. Carol was born at 179 Linkfield

Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, England, on 10 March 1940.

James Roy, Jr. had a colorful career during which time, he served at Naval Air Stations at Patuxent River, Maryland; Okinawa; Beeville, Texas; Oceana, Virginia, and Jacksonville, Florida. He retired in January of 1974 and is a machinist and welder rebuilding diesel cylinder heads in Orange Park, Florida.

*James Roy, Jr.'s children:*

**11-47** i Cheryl Lynn[11], b. 15 Sep 1960.

**11-48** ii Marc Wayne[11], b. 26 Jun 1962.

iii Julie Marie[10], b. 12 Sep 1963 at Beeville, TX. She m. Warren Samuel Pendleton, Jr. In 1991 she lived in Orange Park, FL.

**11-49** iv Kimberly Jane[11], b. 10 Jun 1965.

v Kerrie Ann[11], was b. 31 Aug 1968 at Virginia Beach, VA. She m. Dennis Wilka and lived in Orange Park, FL in 1991.

vi Kathleen[11], was b. 26 Jun 1970 in Virginia Beach, VA. Married to Scott Patton, she lived in Orange Park, FL in 1991.

Note:

1. A letter from James Roy Woodman, Jr., 457 Parkridge Ave., Orange Park, FL 32065, 25 Jan 1991.

**Jess Oscar, Jr.[10] (Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-89.** Jess Oscar, Jr. was born 24 October 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Peggy Ann Means who was born 1 February 1934. She died 5 February 1978 and Jess married Amy _____.

In 1990 Jess lived in Alton, Illinois.(1)

*Jess Oscar, Jr.'s children – all born in Alton, Illinois:*

**11-50** i Jess Howard[11], b. 17 Aug 1952.

ii Daniel Lee[11], b. 11 Dec 1955. He was tragically killed 4 Feb. 1982 when a runaway truck crashed into the family auto body shop in Alton, IL. He m. Wanda _____.

iii Stacey Renee[11], b. 17 Jul 1961. Unmarried and in Alton in 1991.

iv Darrelyn Ray[11], b. 17 Mar 1969. Unmarried and in Alton 1991.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1990 and Irene Marie Besaw, Ferguson, MO, 8 Oct 1990 and 14 Jan 1991; A letter from Irene Besaw, 1414, Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Shirley Ann[10] (Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-90.** Shirley Ann was born 18 February 1935 in Hollis, Oklahoma. She married Everett Wayne Lyerla 12 November 1955. Everett was born 30 October 1930, the son of Hersal and Minnie (Schmidt) Lyerla of Creel Springs, Illinois. In 1990 Shirley lived in Alton, Illinois.(1)

*Shirley Ann's children (named Lyerla):*

i Kevin Wayne[11], b. 23 Dec 1955 in Alton, IL. In 1990 he was unmarried and living in Alton.

**11-51** ii Sandra Kay[11], b. 7 Jan 1961.

Note:

1. Notes from telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1990; a letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Dina Marie[10] (Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-91.** Her mother named her "Diana" Marie, but when the document was issued it was "Dina." The family calls her variously Diana, Dina or "D." Dina M. was born 2 October 1936 in Donna, Texas. On 4 August 1957 she married Major Ramon D. Reed. They divorced.

In 1990 she lived in Seabright, New Jersey, and her last name was Liberty.(1)

*Dina Marie's children (named Reed):*

i Dwight David[11], b. 9 Sep 1958 in Honolulu, Hawaii. On 1 Sep 1990 he m. Mary Anne Maciuba of Buffalo, NY, the dau. of Walter and Jeanette Maciuba.

ii Irene Elizabeth[11], b. 20 Jan 1959 in Honolulu. In 1990 she was unmarried living in Little Silvers, NJ.

iii Michael Neal[11], b. 16 Jul 1963 in Indianapolis, IN. In 1990 he lived in Savannah, a retired captain in the U.S. Army.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Irene Marie Besaw, 8 Oct 1990 and 14 Oct 1991; and a letter from Irene Marie Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Irene Marie[10] (Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-92.** Irene Marie was born 29 September 1939 in Hollis, Oklahoma. On 17 August 1957 she married Francis Earl Besaw in Alton, Illinois. He was born 18 July 1936 in Winthrope, New York, the son of Clarence and Margaret (Bushout) Besaw of Saranac Lake, New York. They divorced 5 September 1979. In 1991 Irene lived in Ferguson, Missouri.(1)

*Irene M.'s children (named Besaw):*

**11-52** i Alan Wayne[11], b. 22 Oct 1960.

**11-53** ii Steven Bruce[11], b. 8 Feb 1964.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Irene Marie Besaw, 8 Oct 1990 and 14 Jan 1991; and a letter from Irene Marie Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**William Leroy[10] (Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-93.** William Leroy was born 27 June 1945 in Alton, Illinois. He married Karlene Thornburg, the daughter of Carl and Dorthea Thornburg of West Virginia. In 1990 he lived in Austin, Texas.(1)

*William Leroy's child:*

i Jeffery Scott[11], b. 7 Oct 1967 in Alton, IL.

Note:

1. Notes from telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1900; letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Paul Eugene[10] (Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-94.** Paul Eugene was born 20 January 1950 in Alton, Illinois. He married 1st Patricia Cusack of Ames, Iowa. His second wife was Sarah Elizabeth Farley who was born 27 September 1952. In 1991 Paul lived in Alton, Illinois.(1)

*Paul E. and Patricia's child:*

i Jennifer Nicole[11], b. 5 Sep 1977 in Bloomington, IL.

*Paul E.'s stepchildren (named Sholar):*

1. Amy Elizabeth, b. 16 Dec 1971.
2. Edward Royce, Jr., b. 17 Aug 1973.
3. Margaret Ellen, b. 22 Jan 1975.
4. Katherine Sylvia, b. 14 Oct 1981.

Note:

1. Notes from telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1900 and a letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

### Charles Russell[10] (Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-95.** Charles Russell was born 22 August 1923 in Carrier, Garfield County, Oklahoma. On 12 October 1946 in Gould, Harmon County, Oklahoma, he married Julia Jones. Julia was born 20 September 1925 in Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma, the daughter of Thomas Franklin and Minnie Maybel (Kates) Jones. Charles Russell served in the Navy. He and Julia farmed and were Methodists. Charles R. has lived in Gould, Carrier and Weatherford, Oklahoma. Julia has lived in Stigler, Hollis and Gould.

*Charles R.'s children:*(1)

i Sharon Lucille[11], b. 24 Apr 1951 in Altus, Jackson Co., OK. She m. Rex Earl Livingston in Gould 17 Jul 1971.

ii Fred Lynn[11], b. 21 Apr 1958 in Altus. He m. Kaaren Sue Vanlandingham 27 Mar 1981 in Gould, OK.

Note:

1. Family genealogical sheet sent by Ruth Woodman Knight of Dumas, TX.

### J. Walter[10] (Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-96.** J. Walter was born 11 July 1926 in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He married Hattie Lou Curb 23 July 1949 in Childress, Texas. Hattie Lou was born 15 November 1926 at Gould, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ed and Ethel Curb of Hollis, Oklahoma.

In July of 1990 they lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.(1)

*J. Walter's children:*

**11-54** i Janis Lee[11], b. 24 Dec 1950.

ii Steven Mark[11], b. 17 Aug 1952 in Altus, OK. In 1990 he was a caterer in Plano, TX.

**11-55** iii Terri Michelle[11], b. 23 Apr 1954.

**11-56** iv Tamela Joy[11], b. 21 Dec 1957.

**11-57** v Cynthia Kay[11], b. 21 Feb 1961.

vi Jennifer Lou[11], b. 26 Jul 1963 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Note:

1. All from Hattie Lou Curb Woodman (Mrs. J. Walter), 3318 N. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

### Ruth Marguerite[10] (Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-97.** Ruth Marguerite was born 28 December 1931 in Gould, Harmon County, Oklahoma. On 29

August 1952 Ruth M. married Charlie Roe Knight in Gould. Charlie was born 10 August 1928 in Jaybuckle, Greer County, Oklahoma, the son of Robert Baker and Virgie (McDonald) Knight.

Charlie served in the Navy in 1951 and the Army from 1955-57. He was a safety engineer who had lived in Jaybuckle, Oklahoma City and Dumas, Texas. Charles died 1 May 1981 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas; he is buried in Reed, Greer County, Oklahoma.

Ruth has worked at the Texas Department of Public Safety, living in Dumas. She has lived in Gould, Enid and Oklahoma City, all in Oklahoma. She is a member of the Church of Christ, as was Charlie.(1)

*Ruth's children (named Knight):*

i Craig R.[11], b. 15 Sep 1956 in Killeen, Bell Co., TX. He m. Cynthia Barnett 3 Sep 1982 in Bridgeport, Wise Co., TX.

ii John Randall[11], b. 4 Feb 1959 in Dumas, Moore Co., TX. He m. Diana Simone Sivak 2 Sep 1980 in El Paso, El Paso Co., TX.

Note:
1. Family genealogical group sheet from Ruth Woodman Knight, Dumas, TX.

**Gene Edwin[10] (Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-98.** Gene Edwin was born 21 Dec 1933 in Gould, Oklahoma. On 23 August 1956 he married Nannie Jorene Heflin in Hollis, Harmon County, Oklahoma. Nannie was born 12 June 1937 in Hollis, the daughter of Robert Martin and Mattie Colista (James) Heflin.

Gene E. spent 1957 and 1958 in the Army. Nannie is a schoolteacher and Gene E. an agronomist; both are Baptists. Gene E. has lived in Gould, Hollis, Altus in Oklahoma; Clayton, New Mexico; Clarendon and Canyon, Texas.(1)

*Gene Edwin's children:*

i Gene Edwin, Jr.[11], b. 21 Jul 1957 at Ft. Carson, El Paso Co., CO.

ii Robert Barton[11], b. 21 Feb 1962 at Altus, Jackson Co., OK. He m. Micki Lynn Scott 26 Jul 1985 in Lubbock, Lubbock Co., TX.

iii Alden Bradley[11], b. 26 Mar 1964 in Altus, OK. He m. Julie Elizabeth Porter in Dallas, TX.

Note:
1. Family genealogical group sheet from Ruth Woodman Knight, Dumas, TX.

**James Dyche[10] (Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-99.** James (Jimmy) Dyche was born 14 August 1935 in Gould, Oklahoma. On 11 June 1960 Jimmy married Lory Anne Hufstedler in Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Lory Anne was born 1 October 1942 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, the daughter of Lloyd B. and Loye Anne (Wilson) Hufstedler.(1)

James D. was in the Army in 1958. They have lived in Las Cruces, New Mexico; El Paso, Plainview, Abilene and Carrolton, Texas. James D. was president of Acco Feed Management while Lory was in real estate. Both belong to the Methodist Church.

*James D.'s children – all born in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas:*

i Tracy Kay[11], b. 18 Oct 1964.

ii Dana Anne[11], b. 19 Mar 1967.

iii Crista Ruth[11], b. 25 Sep 1973.

Note:
1. Family genealogical group sheet from Ruth Woodman Knight, Dumas, TX.

**Daniel Courtney[10] (Chester I.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-100.** Daniel Courtney was born 8 July 1893 in Danvers, Massachusetts.(1) He married Elsie G. Herrick in Salem, Massachusetts 15 November 1919. Elsie, a twenty-three-year-old bookkeeper, born and from Salem, was the daughter of Frederic and Lillian (Foster) Herrick.(2) At the time of his marriage, Daniel C. was a leatherworker. Daniel C. died in Danvers 14 December 1962.(3)

*Daniel C.'s child (perhaps there were others):*

i Dexter C.[11], b. 24 Jun 1920 in Salem.(4)

Notes:
1. Danvers Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office (1915-1945), 1962 43-266; 1900, 1910 U.S. Census.
2. Ibid., 22:147.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records, State Archives, Boston, MA, 1962, 43-266.
4. Danvers Vital Records, 20:55.

**Hilda M.[10] (Chester I.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-101.** Hilda Marietta, born about 1901 in Danvers, Massachusetts, became the second wife of Edgar W. Rundlett in Boston, Massachusetts 16 April 1921. Edgar, age twenty-eight and a shoemaker, was born in Danvers, the son of Edward and Fannie F. (Churchill) Rundlett.(1) In 1935 they were living in Danvers.(2)

When Hilda's brother Daniel C. died in 1962, it is recorded that "his sister, Hilda Allen of Topsfield, Massachusetts," reported the death. It would seem Hilda married a man named Allen.(3)

*Hilda's child (named Rundlett):*

i Dexter Woodman[11], b. 7 Sep 1925.(4)

Notes:
1. 1910 US Census; Danvers, MA Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office 1915-1945.
2. Father's obituary, *Danvers Herald*, 22 Aug 1935.
3. Massachusetts Vital Records 1962, 43:266.
4. Danvers Vital Records 20:90.

**Edwin Irving[10] (Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-102.** Edwin Irving was born 14 Sep 1901 in Peabody, Massachusetts. He was in insurance when on 20 June 1925 he married Grace Litchfield Goodwin of East Boston, Massachusetts, in Hartford, Connecticut. Grace, a schoolteacher, was born 18 June 1902 in Boston, the daughter of Wilford and Maude (Brown) Goodwin.(1)

Edwin Irving died 15 October 1951. On 28 November 1958 Grace L. married Warren Joseph Scott who was born 19 June 1897 and died in June of 1981. Grace died 2 November 1985.(2)

*Edwin Irving's child:*(3)

**11-58** i Edwina Browne[11], b. 24 Feb 1927.

Notes:
1. Danvers, MA Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office, 1915-1945, 22:195; A report from Edwina Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991. Also see Danvers Vital Records 22:102.
2. Schuler report.
3. Ibid.

**Phyllis Catherine[10] (Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-103.** Phyllis Catherine was born 9 January 1904 in West Springfield, Massachusetts. On 5 October 1927 she married Bradley Bent Ross, a twenty-five-year-old cashier from Danvers, Massachusetts, who was born 24 September 1902, the son of Leland J. and Anna (Pierce) Ross.(1)

Phyllis Catherine died 28 February 1966; Bradley B. died 31 January 1981.(2)

*Phyllis Catherine's children (named Ross):*(3)

**11-59** i Adam Jazeniah[11], b. 22 Nov 1943. An adopted son.

**11-60** ii Jonathan Woodman[11], b. 26 Dec 1946. An adopted son.

Notes:

1. A report from Edwina Woodman Schuler 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 June 1991; Danvers Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office 1915-1945, 22:211.
2. Schuler report.
3. Ibid.

**Daniel Wayne[10] (Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-104.** Daniel Wayne was born 11 January 1917. On 11 July 1941, Daniel W., a carpenter, married Diana Barbara Le Lacheur, who was born 24 January 1912.

Daniel Wayne died in 1973; Diana Barbara died in 1979.(1)

*Daniel W.'s children:*(2)

**11-61** i Daniel Wayne, Jr.[11], b. 4 Jun 1942.

**11-62** ii Tracy Friend III[11], b. 6 Feb 1945.

iii Allen Irving[11], b. 1947; d. 9 May 1957.

Notes:

1. Danvers, MA Vital Records, Town Clerk's Office, 1915-1945, 20:1, 25:85, 20:169.
2. A report from Edwina Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Harriette Evelyn[10] (Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-105.** Harriette was born 24 May 1902 in Hill (now Chester), New Hampshire, and spent her childhood there. On Christmas Day in 1919 she married Leonard John Kenney. Leonard was born in Bristol, New Hampshire, 23 November 1898, the son of William and Jennie May (Hannaford) Kenney. Jennie May was born in New Hampton, New Hampshire, and died when she was fifty in 1926 or 1929; William was born 29 December 1867 and died in December 1960. Both are buried in Franklin, New Hampshire.

Following their marriage Harriette and Len worked at a factory making *Red Devil* glass cutters. Seven years of their marriage were spent in Chatham, New Jersey, followed by fifteen years in Lynn, Massachusetts, where Len worked for General Electric. He worked seven years for the Tilton, New Hampshire Soldier's Home. Harriette and Len moved to Plymouth, New Hampshire, about 1980.

Harriette is wonderful! She has been the only known keeper of the family's record. It is she who provided the information about the descendants of her great-grandparents, Jonathan and Hannah (Rollins). In 1990, at the age of eighty-seven she vividly remembers a visit to see her great-grandmother, Hannah, who was born 159 years ago! And she remembers all of Hannah's children. She must be one of a few people who can recall a personal encounter with someone born in 1831.

She is about 5 feet 2 inches, sturdily built, and does not look her age. Harriette's mind and memory are very good. Although she has the usual aches and pains of the aging, she works at

keeping her mind and body active.

Harriette's most exceptional hobby is writing, and she regularly contributes articles to regional publications. She writes of village life in rural New Hampshire around the turn of the century. She remembers the church hall with its harvest suppers of "delicious Red Flannel Hash" and of winter nights there eating oyster stew. Her memories of the village streets hung with oil lamps, of sledding and skating and box suppers, and standing around a piano singing *When You and I Were Young Maggie* speak of a simpler time. "Parties," she wrote, "usually ended at 9 PM and our folks knew where we were."

Harriette thinks longingly of her old village of Hill. "In 1941," she remembers, "the Federal Government bought our old village for a flood control basin. It was an awful blow to me and many others. We owned a dear little Cape Cod. My parents lost their home, my grandparents home went also. Every home was destroyed. All the bodies in the cemeteries were dug up and moved. That was the starting of the new town of Hill."

Her husband Leonard (Len) died 4 April 1989. Harriette wrote, " . . . I get so lonely . . . I don't know how I can manage without him." On 13 December of that year she wrote, "I miss Len terribly. Had he lived until Christmas it would have been our 70th one . . . Well we had 69 years together and a happy marriage. And I am now 87 so it may not be too many years that I have to live alone anyway." Finally, Harriette could no longer live by herself. She was desperately unhappy when she had to break up her home. She died 9 May 1992.

*Harriette's child (named Kenney):*

**11-63** i James Woodman[11], b. 21 Aug 1944.

Note:
1. Letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney.

**Chester Arthur[10] (Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-106.** Chester Arthur was born 4 February 1911 in Hill, New Hampshire. He and Phyllis Mary Fleury were married in the Old Hill village 25 February 1938. Phyllis Mary was born 8 September 1920 in Bristol, New Hampshire, the daughter of Alfred J. and Ethel I. (Adams) Fleury.

In 1988 they moved from Bristol, New Hampshire, to Plymouth, New Hampshire, where, in 1990, they lived next door to his sister Harriette.(1)

*Chester Arthur's children:*

**11-64** i Joyce Faye[11], b. 30 Aug 1943.

**11-65** ii David Grant[11], b. 10 Jun 1947.

**11-66** iii Gail Leslie[11] (Leslie Gail), b. 26 Mar 1954.

Note:
1. Letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney.

**Harold F.[10] (Walter P.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-107.** Harold F. was born 18 April 1904 in Alton, New Hampshire. On 16 April 1927 he married Mary Ellen Legere who was born 6 May 1903, the daughter of William J. and Mary Ellen (Conway) Legere. Harold died in Lynn, Massachusetts, 10 September 1961.

*Harold F.'s child (perhaps there were others):*

**11-67** i Arthur Everett[11], b. 9 Feb 1932 in Salem, MA.(1)

Note:
1. Administration Papers of his father's estate; Pedigree Charts from Harold F.'s granddaughter Patricia Anne Woodman of Peabody, MA, Mar 1990.

### Harvey Everts[10] (Alvin M.[9], Alvin B.[8], Elijah[7], John[6-5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-108.** Harvey Everts was born 11 May 1903, married Kathleen Carter 24 June 1925.

*Harvey Everts' children:*(1)

i Robert Willis[11], b. 9 Sep 1931.

ii Richard Carter[11], b. 27 Aug 1933. Supposed to live in Atlanta, GA.

Note:
1. *Misc. Files of Woodman Sons A to Z,* unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

### William Alfred Munroe[10] (Alice A. Woodman Munroe[9], True W.[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-109.** In 1964 William Alfred lived in North Smithfield.(1)

*William A.'s child (named Munroe):*

i William E.[11], said to have had sons William E., Jr.[12], and Wayne[12] of Cumberland Hills.

Note:
1. Alice Alfreda Munroe's obituary furnished by Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, Apr 1989.

### True William[10] (Frank E.[9], True W.[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-110.** True William was born 6 August 1902 in Valley Falls, Rhode Island. He was but twenty-eight months old when his mother died and his father did not remarry until True William was fourteen. In 1921 he was serving on a U.S. receiving ship and his address was San Francisco.(1) He is said to have married Ethel Cook who died in the 1960's. For many years True William lived in Long Beach, California probably at 3502 Canehill Avenue.(2)

*True William's children:*

i Ethel Melvina[11], m. Walter Lowrie Porterfield 26 Nov 1948 at California Heights Methodist Church, Bixby Rd. & Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, CA. He was the son of Walter L. Porterfield, also of Long Beach.(3)

ii Elbertie[11].

iii Kenneth[11].

iv Wallace[11].

Notes:
1. Notes from his father's biography.
2. Letter from Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507.
3. Ethel M.'s wedding invitation from Beverly Beaudette.

### Herbert Kenneth Mitchell[10] (Edna T. Woodman Mitchell[9], True W.[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])

**10-111.** Herbert Kenneth Mitchell was born 12 October 1911 in Epping, New Hampshire. He was three years old when his parents divorced and he moved with his mother to Worcester, Massachusetts. Herbert Kenneth married Beulah Frances Adams.

*Herbert K.'s children (named Mitchell):*[1]

i Virginia Jane[11], b. 4 Jan 1934.

**11-68** ii Beverly Ann[11], b. 30 Mar 1936.

iii Patricia Lee[11], b. 8 Oct 1938.

iv Diana Lyn[11], b. 18 Jan 1949.

v Brian Wayne[11], b. 31 May 1952.

Note:

1. Letters from Beverly Beaudette, R. #1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, 17 Aug 1989 and 4 Apr 1989; newspaper clipping of Beverly's wedding.

**Mary Jane[10] (Robert G.[9], Charles E.[8], Nathaniel H.[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-112.** Mary Jane was born 10 October 1949 in Niagara Falls, New York. She attended Pratt Institute two years after graduating from Bethel Park High School. On 22 June 1972 Mary Jane married Vincent E. Gallivan at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, in St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Mary Jane and Vincent were divorced. In 1990 Mary Jane was in Clearwater, Florida, employed as assistant to the manager of the Dunedin Office of Savings of America.

*Mary Jane's child (surname Woodman):*

i Benjamin Matthew[11], b. 2 Jan 1988 in St. Petersburg, FL.

Note:

1. Letter from Robert Garner Woodman, 1609 W. Brown St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004, 16 Jan 1990.

**Odiorne[10] (Richard Sage[9], Charles E.[8], Nathaniel H.[7], John March[6], David[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**10-113.** Odiorne was born 23 July 1943 in Utica, New York. She graduated from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. While a student there she met Stephen George Beebe whom she married 3 July 1961. Stephen was the son of Allison and Barbara Beebe, who in 1990 were living in Rutland, Vermont. In 1990 Odiorne and Stephen lived in Great Falls, Virginia.[1]

*Odiorne's children (named Beebe):*

i Kristin Sage[11], b. 4 May 1972 in Winchester, KY.

ii Brooke Woodman[11], b. 4 May 1976 in Lawrence, MA.

Note:

1. Letters from Richard Sage Woodman, P.O. Box 26, Waterville, NY, 13480, 18 Apr 1990; a letter to John Woodman of Canton, MA, from Robert Garner Woodman, 1609 W. Brown St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4420, 16 Jan 1990.

# Eleventh Generation

**Daniel Edwin[11] (Daniel Edwin[10], William Ezra[9], Daniel T.[8], William[7-6], Jonathan[5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-1.** Daniel Edwin, Jr., lived in Riverhead, New York.

*Daniel E., Jr.'s children:*(1)

i Michael[12].
ii Patrick[12].
iii Kevin[12].
iv Kelley[12].

Note:

1. Persons #730, #731, #732, #733 *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman (Edward[1]) and Mary (Field) Woodman;* an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

**Robert Wilson[11] (Daniel Edwin[10], William Ezra[9], Daniel T.[8], William[7-6], Jonathan [5], John[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-2.** Robert Wilson lived in Atlanta, Georgia.

*Robert Wilson's children:*(1)

i Robert Wilson, Jr.[12].
ii James[12].
iii Jonathan[12].
iv Richard[12].
v Kenneth[12].

Note:

1. Persons #734, #735, #736, #737, and #738 *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman (Edward[1]) and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI.

**Paul Woodman Kimball[11] (Marion P. Page Kimball[10], Alta M. Jones Page[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-3.** Paul Woodman Kimball served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He married Marion Clement.(1)

*Paul W.'s children (named Kimball):*

**12-1** i Charles Eric[12].
ii Martha Ellen[12] attended North Dakota State College. A consultant in nutrition, Martha E. m. James Estrup. In 1988 she lived in Kennebunk, ME.
iii Mark Steven[12]. In 1988 he was a volunteer fireman in Kensington, NH, and an employee of the Yankee Nuclear Plant, Seabrook, NH.

Note:

1. All from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**Robert Giddings Kimball[11] (Marion P. Page Kimball[10], Alta M. Jones Page[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-4.** Robert Giddings married Amogene Travis. In 1988 he was employed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and lived in Epping, New Hampshire.(1)

It is Robert Giddings who has so kindly checked family graveyards for me. He has super-

vised the setting of a new gravestone and the repair of another. He has checked the Woodman Cemeteries at Durham, New Hampshire, and tramped the woods around Barrington, New Hampshire, looking for others. He has sent many reports.

*Robert G.' s children (named Kimball):*

i Regina Anne[12], graduated with a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire. She earned a Master of Library Science at the University of Washington in 1971. Regina A. was employed by the city of Seattle Library System 1971-1988. In August of 1988 she planned to marry Christian Bonnafoux and live in Paris, France.

ii Rebecca Marie[12], graduated with a B.S. from the University of New Hampshire in 1973 and a J.D. in 1983 from Ohio Northern. She was an Assistant Attorney General of Ohio in 1983-1984. Rebecca was an assistant counsel of the Pacific Division Naval Facilities Engineering command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1985-1988. She married Curtis Lynn Greenway.

Note:
1. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**John Page Russell[11] (Leona Maud Page Russell[10], Alta M. Jones Page[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-5.** John Page, an M.D., married Linda Clark. He was a Pathology instructor at Syracuse State, Syracuse, New York, in 1988.(1)

*John Page's children (named Russell):*

i Clark[12], b. Jan 1967.
ii Bruce G.[12], b. 23 Jul 1968.
iii Pamela[12], b. 25 Jul 1969.

Note:
1. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**JoAnn Jones[11] (Bern Joseph Alphonso Jones[10], Walter W. Jones[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-6.** JoAnn married Daniel Kelly. She lived in Fryeburg, Maine in 1988.(1)

*JoAnn's children (named Kelly):*

i Karolyn[12], b. 3 Mar 1964.
ii Brill David[12], b. 30 Apr 1965.

Note:
1. Notes from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**George Andrews[11] (Horatio Leroy[10], Asa Dunbar[9], Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-7.** George Andrews was born in Chicago 4 May 1892. He married Isabelle Catherine Kaye 1 January 1913. George died in the great flu epidemic 11 October 1918.(1)

*George A.'s child:*

i Margurite Eleanor[12], b. 7 May 1916. In 1921 she lived in Evergreen Park, IL.

Note:
1. A letter from Horatio Leroy Woodman, Elkhart, IN, 18 Aug 1921.

**Edna Abigail[11] (Horatio Leroy[10], Asa Dunbar[9], Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-8.** Edna Abigail was born 22 September 1896 in Evergreen Park, Cook County, Illinois. On 8 March 1919, in Chicago, Edna married David Martin Harms who was born 21 October 1896 in Alsip, Cook County, Illinois, the son of William Henry and Elizabeth (Klockow) Harms.

Edna A. died 2 November 1977 in Elkhart, Indiana, and David died there on 8 January 1978. Both are buried in Elkhart.(1)

*Edna A.'s children – all born in Elkhart (named Harms):*

i Warden Dana[12], b. 28 Jan 1920; m. Noreen Elsie Albert 8 Mar 1942. A retired Air Force Colonel, they lived in Hot Springs Village, AR in 1990.

ii Shirley Gail[12], b. 27 Sep 1922; m. Lloyd Paul Linder 19 Jan 1942.

iii Jane Elizabeth[12], b. 2 Sep 1925; m. William George Taylor 22 Apr 1945.

**12-2** iv Jo Anne[12], b. 16 Jul 1933.

v Doris Lee[12], b. 20 Jan 1935; m. Charles Daniel Sellers 2 Dec 1951.

Note:

1. Family sheet from Jo Anne Harms Stephens, W5537 Fire Lane 12, Menasha, WI 54952, 1990.

**Constance Grubb[11] (James G. Grubb[10], Helen G. Rhodes Grubb[9], Clara G. Woodman Rhodes[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-9.** Constance was born 17 February 1951; on 7 July 1971 she married Thomas Kelly who was born 3 March 1951. In 1985 they lived in the Newark, Delaware, area.(1)

*Constance's children (named Kelly):*

i Mark Thomas[12], b. 19 Jun 1976.

ii Brenda Gayle[12], b. 22 Mar 1979.

Note:

1. A letter and genealogy chart from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY 13407, 18 Sep 1983 and a letter 19 Jan 1985.

**James Michael Grubb[11] (James G. Grubb[10], Helen G. Rhodes Grubb[9], Clara G. Woodman Rhodes[8], Nathaniel Hart[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-10.** James Michael was born 19 March 1955. On 28 August 1981 he married Elaine Johns who was born 5 August 1954. In 1985 he lived in the Newark, Delaware, area.(1)

*James Michael's child (named Grubb):*

i Alisha Marie Johns[12], b. 22 Apr 1975.

Note:

1. A letter and genealogy chart from Barbara Ann Grubb Casciere, 23 Brookside Drive, Mohawk, NY 13407, 18 Sep 1983 and letter 19 Jan 1985.

**Wilfred Harold[11] (Oscar R.[10], Walter David[9], Stephen Mead[8], William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-11.** Wilfred Harold was born 22 August 1917. On 27 September 1939 he married Audrey Maguire. He married second wife Rhea E. Boulay.(1)

*Wilfred & Audrey's children:*

**12-3** i Jon Wilfred[12], b. 8 Feb 1941.

ii Audrey Elizabeth[12], b. 5 Jun 1943.

iii Nancy Louise[12], b. 11 July 1945.
iv Michael Douglas[12], b. 31 Oct 1949.
v Mary Jane[12], b. 12 Dec 1952.

Note:
1. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman,* an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 98, 111, 112.

**Rogers Towbridge[11] (Oscar R.[10], Walter D.[9], Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-12.** Rogers Towbridge (that is how his grandfather wrote the name) was born 18 August 1919. On 9 September 1938 he married Loretta Maltais who was born 31 December 1921.(1)

*Rogers T.'s child:*

**12-4** i Russell T.[12], b. 16 Aug 1939.

Note:
1. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 98, 113.

**Douglas Edward[11] (Oscar R.[10], Walter D.[9], Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-13.** Douglas Edward was born 11 December 1920. On 6 August 1947 he married Elaine Twombly, who was born 14 March 1927.(1)

*Douglas Edward's children:*

i Stephen Douglas[12], b. 28 Aug 1951.
ii David Edward[12], b. 17 Apr 1955.

Note:
1. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman,* an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorn, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 99, 112.

**Pauline G.[11] (Ernest F.[10], Walter D.[9], Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-14.** Pauline G. was born about 1921-1923. She married Mr. Cedarstrom. When her mother Bessie L. died in May 1956, Pauline lived at 69 Harding Ave., Weymouth, Massachusetts.(1)

*Pauline's child (named Cedarstrom):*

i Kim R.[12]

Note:
1. Belknap Co., NH Probate Records, Laconia, NH, Docket #18-831.

**Gilbert Ralston[11] (Gilbert Ralston[10], Commodore B.[9], Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-15.** Gilbert Ralston married.(1)

*Gilbert Ralston's child:*

i Alice Mae[12].

Note:
1. Notes of Anna Woodman Daley.

**Joan Francis Peterka[11] (Elma F. Woodman Peterka[10], Elijah Franklin[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-16.** Joan Francis was born 31 October 1930 in El Reno, Oklahoma. She accompanied her mother to Pekin, Illinois about 1936; by 1943 they were in Peoria, Illinois.

On 23 June 1957 Joan married Bert H. Born, a renowned and still-remembered basketball player. Bert had graduated from a high school in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, which boasted of a student body numbering 135. Although pursued by Bradley University, the six-foot-ten-inch center chose to attend the University of Kansas where he was destined to compete for a team position against Clyde Lovellette, the leading scorer in the nation. That year, 1952, Bert was chosen as an alternate on the U.S. Olympic basketball team. In 1953 and 1954 conference play, Bert scored more points than any other player; in 1953 he was named the most valuable player in the NCAA tournament.

Following his graduation, Bert was drafted by the Ft. Wayne (now Detroit) Pistons to play professional basketball. Despite a contract in hand, he decided to join the Caterpillar Corporation in Peoria, Illinois. For the next five years he played basketball for the Caterpillar "Cats" where he was to become that team's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. During those five years, Caterpillar teams won national AAU titles in 1956 and 1958 and Bert was twice honored as an AAU All-American.(1)

The Caterpillar Corporation has been an important part of the family's life. Joan worked there for many years, as did her mother. In 1991 Bert continues to work there as the company's Cooperative Education Coordinator.

*Joan's children (named Born):*

i John Patrick[12], b. 29 Jun 1964.

ii David Franklin[12], b. 10 Feb 1966.

Note:

1. Notes from telephone conversation with Joan Francis Born, Peoria, IL, 1990; *Caterpillar Folks,* Vol. XXXVIII #6, 8 Apr 1988, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, IL; *Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame,* Peoria Advertising and Selling Club, 18 Jan 1986.

**Nancy J. Peterka[11] (Elma F. Woodman Peterka[10], Elijah Franklin[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-17.** Nancy Jean was born 10 March 1933 in El Reno, Oklahoma. She accompanied her mother to Pekin, Illinois, about 1936. Two days before Christmas in 1950, Nancy J. married Robert Michael Shreffler, the son of Joe and Grace Shreffler of East Peoria, Illinois.

A factory manager at Aurora Caterpillar in Sandwich, Illinois, Robert M. died tragically in a car wreck 5 May 1975, leaving Nancy Jean with two children not yet raised – one eleven and one age twelve. Nancy Jean is an antique dealer and has not remarried.(1)

*Nancy J.'s children (named Shreffler):*

i Robert Michael, Jr.[12], b. 7 Sep 1951. In 1990 he was not married.

**12-5** ii Jeannie Michelle[12], b. 15 Mar 1953.

**12-6** iii Patricia Jan[12], b. 28 Mar 1957.

**12-7** iv Mary Ellen[12], b. 21 Jan 1963.

**12-8** v Paula Jo[12], b. 20 Mar 1964.

Note:

1. Notes from Elma Francis Woodman Peterka Roberts, East Peoria, IL, 1990.

**Melody Jan Roberts[11] (Elma F. Woodman Peterka Roberts[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-18.** Melody Jan was born 5 November 1948. She married Fred Perry. She married her second husband Anthony Marinick.(1)

*Melody Jan and Fred's child (named Perry):*

i Joannie Lynn[12], b. 28 Jun 1963.

*Melody Jan and Anthony's child (named Marinick):*

ii Michael Todd[12], b. 30 Jul 1969.

Note:

1. Notes from Elma Francis Woodman Roberts, E. Peoria, IL, 1990.

**Craig Franklin[11] (Edward Bryce[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-19.** Craig Franklin was born 10 October 1949 in Wichita, Kansas. In 1967 he began his studies at Wichita State University. Craig received his B.A. in anthropology in 1972 and entered graduate school in 1973. While in graduate school, Craig spent a great deal of time in the assistant teaching program and other jobs.

In January 1979 he went to the University of California, Santa Barbara, and resumed his studies. In 1980, Craig directed an archeological dig in Colorado and returned to Santa Barbara in 1981. While working part-time for a consulting firm, Craig completed his course work for a Ph.D.

While at the university graduate school, Craig met Lorraine Beatrice Popp. Lorraine was born 24 April 1952 in Los Angeles, the daughter of Walter and Jacqueline Beatrice (de Recat) Popp. Walter was born in Dundee, Illinois, and Jacqueline in Chicago. Lorraine graduated from North Hollywood High School and enrolled in California Lutheran College at Thousand Oaks. After two years, she moved to Pomona College in Claremont, California where she graduated with a B.A. in anthropology. In 1976 Lorraine entered the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she earned a Masters degree by 1978 and her Ph.D. in 1981.

Craig and Lorraine met at the university and married 26 November 1983 in Ventura, California. In 1984 they were employed by U.R.S., Inc., as consultants. In 1989 they both worked at Science Applications International Corporation, where Craig is head of the Cultural Resources Management Group and Lorraine is a project manager of the planning group.

In 1989 Craig completed his M.A. in anthropology.

*Craig's children:*

i Daniel Carder[12], b. 28 Aug 1986 in Santa Barbara, CA.

ii Matthew Franklin[12], b. 30 Jun 1992 in Santa Barbara, CA.

**Steven Louis[11] (Roger S.[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-20.** Steven Louis was born 23 June 1952 in Wichita, Kansas, where he graduated from the public schools in 1970. That fall he enrolled at Wichita State University. By the fall of 1971 Steve enrolled at Fort Hays State University at Hays, Kansas. There he met Neva Jean Sedorcek who was born 26 February 1955 in Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Neva was the daughter of Walter and Irene Alberta (Blodgett) Sedorcek of Shawnee Mission, Kansas. She attended public schools, graduating from Shawnee Mission North High School in 1973. Neva's father, Walter, was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on 10 November 1915, the son of Elijah Sedorcek of Grodno,

Russia, and Julia (Liebreski) Sedorcek of Vilna, Russia. Elijah and Julia came to the United States in 1910. Irene Alberta was born 15 January 1913 in Hiawatha, Kansas, the daughter of William Lucien Blodgett who was born in Sabetha, Kansas, and Edith Sylvia (Wenton) Blodgett, born in El Dorado, Kansas.

Steve and Neva were married on the Fort Hays campus on 24 August 1974, and both graduated in December of that year. Steve had earned a B.A. in political science and Neva had a B.S. in education. Steve could teach and Neva had been trained to teach children with learning disabilities.

Following graduation, they came to Wichita where Neva found employment at the Institute of Logopedics and Steve did substitute teaching for School District 259.

In August of 1977 Neva began teaching in the Valley Center, Kansas, schools and Steve secured a permanent position at Heights High School in Wichita. Since that time Neva has earned an M.A. in education from Wichita State.

Both enjoy collecting antiques – Neva favors primitive and Steve enjoys a collection of clocks trimmed with neon lighting. In 1993 Steve and Neva separated.

*Steve's child:*

i Joel Elijah[12], b. 22 Nov 1980.

**Mark Franklin[11] (Roger S.[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-21.** Mark Franklin was born 16 March 1955 in Wichita, Kansas, where he attended twelve grades in the public schools. Graduating from East High School, he entered Kansas University at Lawrence, Kansas, in 1973. With one year at Wichita State University, Mark graduated from Kansas University in 1978 with a degree in general studies with an emphasis on personnel administration.

On 2 June 1979 Mark married Janice Hammel in Wichita. Janice was born 22 March 1955 in Wichita, the daughter of David William and Marilyn Joyce (Mann) Hammel. David William had been born in Owatonna, Minnesota; Marilyn had come from Minneapolis.

Janice attended the Wichita public schools, graduated from East High in 1973 and enrolled at Kansas University. Following undergraduate work at Kansas University she earned a Nursing Degree from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Wichita in 1977. In 1979 Janice received her B.S.N. from St. Mary's of the Plains, Dodge City, Kansas.

Mark and Jan have always lived in Wichita where Mark is engaged in the printing business. In 1994 they were separated.

*Mark's children:*

i Paul Thomas[12], b. 11 Sep 1986.

ii Phillip Scott[12], b. 1 Apr 1989.

**Helen Maria Wilson[11] (Howard Woodman Wilson[10], Josephine M. Woodman Wilson[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-22.** Helen Maria was born 8 September 1942 in Carlinville, Illinois. She married Alfred Koenig. In 1990 Helen M. lived in Carlinville on the old Elijah F.[8] homestead.(1)

*Helen M.'s child (named Koenig):*

i Wendy Karen Regina[12], b. 22 October 1945. Wendy Karen married William Thompson. In 1990 Wendy K. and William lived in Greenfield, Indiana, and had no children.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Howard W. Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**Gayanne Henry[11] (Marianne Daley Henry[10], Anna Orlene Woodman Daley[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-23.** Gayanne was born 19 July 1939. She married Dr. Warren O. Cagney, Jr. 24 March 1967.(1)
*Gayanne's child (named Cagney):*
i Catherine Ann[12], b. 21 Mar 1969.

Note:
1. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley, Gillespie, IL, about 1983.

**Patricia Elizabeth Henry[11] (Marianne Daley Henry[10], Anna Orlene Woodman Daley[9], Elijah F.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-24.** Patricia Elizabeth was born 21 September 1946. In 1966 she married Stephen Alexander.(1)
*Patricia E.'s children (named Alexander):*
i Stephanie Leigh[12], b. 1 Apr 1967.
ii William Warren[12], b. 18 Jun 1969.

Note:
1. Notes from Anna Woodman Daley, Gillespie, IL, about 1983.

**Orin Clausen Keplinger[11] (Orin Clausen Keplinger[10], Lola Temperance Woodman Keplinger[9], Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-25.** Orin Clausen was born 25 August 1941; married.(1)
*Orin Clausen's child (named Keplinger):*
i Orin Clausen[12], b. Jan 1964.

Note:
1. Notes of telephone conversation with Howard Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**Stephen H. Keplinger[11] (Orin Clausen Keplinger[10], Lola Temperance Woodman Keplinger[9], Elijah Franklin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-26.** Stephen H. was born 20 November 1944.(1)
*Stephen H.'s child (named Keplinger):*
i James Hamilton[12], b. Jan 1970.

Note:
1. Notes of telephone conversation with Howard Wilson, Carlinville, IL, 1990.

**Billy Jess Beckworth[11] (Zella P. Woodman Beckworth[10], Oran (Ora) Ardious[9], Hiram R.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-27.** Billy Jess married Connie ____ of Wichita, Kansas. In 1992 he was in Atlanta, Georgia.(1)
*Billy Jess' children (named Beckworth):*
i Amy[12].
ii David[12].
iii Jeremy[12].

Note:
1. A telephone conversation with Pamela Sanders Beckworth in 1992.

**Lloyd Earl Beckworth[11] (Zella P. Woodman Beckworth[10], Oran (Ora) Ardious[9], Hiram R.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-28.** Lloyd Earl was born 7 August 1945 in Portales, New Mexico. On 21 February 1970 he married Pamela Jean Sanders who was born 31 August 1951 in Henrietta, Clay County, Texas, the daughter of Roy and Dorothy Sanders of Henrietta.

In 1992 Lloyd Earl lived at 816 N. California, Henrietta, Texas 76365.(1)

*Lloyd Earl's child (named Beckworth):*

**12-9** i Tammy Jean[12], b. 4 Apr 1971.

Note:
1. A telephone conversation with Pamela Sanders Beckworth in 1992.

**Mary Ann Cash[11] (Ruth M. Davis Cash[10], Delbert L. Davis[9], Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-29.** Mary Ann was born 28 November 1939 in Bristow, Oklahoma. She married Joseph Ralph Winters 10 June 1963. Joseph Ralph was born 6 August 1938 in the Little Flower Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the son of Claude and Josephine (Franco) Winters.

In 1993 they lived in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

*Mary Ann's children (named Winters):*

i Thomas Ralph[12], b. 23 Dec 1963 in Tulsa, OK.

**12-10** ii Julia Ann[12], b. 19 Oct 1965 in Tulsa, OK. She m. Scott Calvin Ludolph 7 Jun 1985.

Note:
1. Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

**Betty Jean[11] (Virgil N.[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-30.** Betty Jean was born 21 January 1945. She married James R. Hulme who was born 7 September 1943. In 1991 she probably lived in Donna, Texas.(1)

*Betty Jean's children (named Hulme):*

i Tracy Leaver[12], b. 24 May 1966. m. Mr. Jordan.
ii Jeff R.[12], b. 17 Oct 1970.
iii Mike[12], b. 23 Mar 1978.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Ronald N.[11] (Virgil Nelson[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-31.** Ronald N. (probably Nelson) was born 22 or 27 September 1947. He married Candy Snodgrass. In 1991 he probably lived in Donna, Texas.

*Ronald N.'s children:*(1)

i Alicia Arlena[12], b. 24 Jan 1971.
ii Ronald N., Jr.[12], b. 14 Nov 1975.
iii Courtney[12], b. 16 Sep 1989.
iv Steven[12], b. 20 Sep 1990.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Connie Ruth[11] (Virgil Nelson[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-32.** Connie Ruth was born 26 June 1951. She married Paul A. McDaniel who was born 28 November 1953. They likely lived in Donna, Texas in 1991.(1)

*Connie Ruth's children (named McDaniel):*

i Heather M.[12], b. 12 Nov 1976.
ii Roxann[12], b. 7 Dec 1978.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Alice Ann Hood[11] (Vena M. Woodman Hood[10], Virgil Nelson[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-33.** Alice Ann was born 22 September 1947. She married Thomas H. Nesmith. In 1991 they likely lived in the Donna, Texas area.(1)

*Alice Ann's child (named Nesmith):*

i Tiffany Ann[12], b. 20 Jan 1971.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Kelly C. Hood[11] (Vena M. Woodman Hood[10], Virgil Nelson[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-34.** Kelly C. was born 4 August 1951. He married Sandra Morgan who was born 12 October 1954. In 1991 they were probably in the Donna, Texas area.(1)

*Kelly C.'s children (named Hood):*

i Clinton K.[12], b. 20 Sep 1977.
ii Nichole[12].

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Cary Craig[11] (William C.[10], Virgil Nelson[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-35.** Cary Craig was born 13 December 1956. He married Beverly Damron. In 1991 they were probably living in the Donna, Texas area.(1)

*Cary Craig's children:*

i Travis Craig[12], b. 4 Jun 1981.
ii Chadd Robert[12], b. 9 Apr 1984.
iii Jessica Leann[12], b. 5 Apr 1989.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 26 Jun 1991.

**Donald Gene Haverfield[11] (Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-36.** Donald Gene was born 1 August 1939. On 15 July 1962 he married Helen Bernice Mayes who was born 25 July 1942. They lived in Roodhouse, Illinois.

Both were killed tragically in an auto accident 20 June 1991.(1)

*Donald Gene's children (named Haverfield):*

**12-11** i Gregory Allen[12], b. 12 Apr 1963.
**12-12** ii Brian Lee[12], b. 18 May 1966.
**12-13** iii Michael[12], b. 2 Mar 1969.
iv James Edward[12], b. 24 May 1970.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Billie Cheryl Haverfield[11] (Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-37.** Billie Cheryl was born 16 June 1944. On 14 July 1962 she married Ralph Leonard Chapman, who was born 1 December 1942. Six years later on 1 April 1968, Billie C. divorced Ralph and on 11 February 1969, she married Truman Ray Smith who was born 11 April 1928.(1)

In 1991 she lived in the Whitehall, Illinois, area.

*Billie C. and Ralph's children (named Chapman):*

**12-14** i Tracy Lin[12], b. 15 Jul 1963.
**12-15** ii Pamela Sue[12], b. 15 Aug 1964.
iii Dale Lee[12], b. 18 May 1966.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Garold Wayne Haverfield[11] (Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-38.** Garold Wayne was born 8 May 1946. In 1965 he married Carolyn Shaw. In 1991 he lived in Granite City, Illinois.(1)

*Garold Wayne's children (named Haverfield):*

i Tamra[12], b. 14 Aug 1966.
ii Timothy[12], b. 22 Feb 1970.
iii Penny[12], b. 4 Aug 1971.
iv Jeffrey[12], stillborn.
v Jan[12], stillborn.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Joyce Rae Haverfield[11] (Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-39.** Joyce Rae was a twin born 16 July 1952. On 1 March 1975 she married Gerald Earl Camden who was born 25 November 1950. In 1991 they were probably living in the Whitehall, Illinois, area.(1)

*Joyce Rae's children (named Camden):*

i Veronica Sue[12], b. 1 Dec 1976.
ii Krysten Lynnett[12], b. 19 Nov 1981.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Joy Kay Haverfield[11] (Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-40.** Joy Kay, a twin, was born 16 July 1952. On 16 May 1971 she married Harold Lanis Camden who was born 24 May 1950. In 1991 she likely lived in the Whitehall, Illinois, area.(1)

*Joy Kay's children (named Camden):*

i David Ryan[12], b. 3 Mar 1973.
ii Bradley Allen[12], b. 21 Apr 1976.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Albert Franklin Meyers, Jr.[11] (Albert F. Meyers[10], Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William Benjamin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-41.** Albert Franklin, Jr. was born 8 September 1949. On 8 July 1972 he married Debra June Sanders. In 1991 they lived in Wood River, Illinois.(1)

*Albert Franklin, Jr.'s children (named Meyers):*

i Melissa Marie[12], b. 4 Dec 1974.
ii Corly Michael[12], b. 18 Dec 1977.
iii Andraya Danyl[12], b. 1 Aug 1979.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Estelle Ann Meyers[11] (Albert Franklin Meyers[10], Mamie Elizabeth Woodman Meyers[9], William Benjamin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-42.** Estelle Ann was born 19 October 1950. She married Mr. Vinyard 30 January 1970. In 1991 they lived in Wood River, Illinois.(1)

*Estelle Ann's children (named Vinyard):*

i Laura Lee[12], b. 18 Nov 1970.
ii Desera Lee[12], b. 13 Oct 1972.
iii Kevin Lee[12], b. 25 Jul 1977.
iv Noah Lee[12], b. 26 Sep 1982.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Marilyn Kay Meyers[11] (Albert F. Meyers[10], Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William Benjamin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-43.** Marilyn Kay was born 26 February 1955. On 12 November 1982 she married Paul Robert Brumley. In 1991 they lived in Wood River, Illinois.(1)

*Marilyn Kay's children (named Brumley):*

i Marie Elizabeth[12], b. 6 Feb 1984.
ii Paula Kay[12], b. 4 Feb 1986.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Thomas W. Meyers[11] (Albert F. Meyers[10], Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William Benjamin[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-44.** Thomas William was born 13 November 1959. On Christmas Eve 1982 he married Rose Pallard. In 1991 he lived in Wood River, Illinois.(1)

*Thomas William's child (named Meyers):*

i Thomas Heath[12], b. 10 Jan 1984.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Lyrlea Joyce Meyers[11] (Charles E. Meyers[10], Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-45.** Lyrlea Joyce was born 5 February 1959 in Alton, Illinois. On 1 May 1981 she married Larry Paul Pelker (Pekler?) who was born 1 October 1953 in Tamaro, Illinois, the son of Paul and Gladys Pelker. In 1991 Lyrlea Joyce lived in the Rockford-Chicago, Illinois area.(1)

*Lyrlea Joyce's children (named Pelker):*

i Ellen Dale[12], b. 13 Apr 1983.

ii Charlotte Lynn[12], b. 20 Dec 1987.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Laura Ellen Meyers[11] (Charles E. Meyers[10], Mamie E. Woodman Meyers[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-46.** Laura Ellen was born 29 July 1960 in Alton, Illinois. On 15 November 1980 she married Roy Lee Arnett who was born 27 December 1962. In 1991 they were living in the Chicago-Rockford, Illinois area.(1)

*Laura Ellen's children (named Arnett):*

i Justin Roy[12], b. 14 Sep 1981.

ii Tyler Charles[12], b. 26 Jan 1989 in Seattle, WA.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 24 Sep 1991.

**Cheryl Lynn[11] (James Roy[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-47.** Cheryl Lynn was born 15 September 1960 at Alton, Illinois. She married Floyd (Butch) Hall and in 1991 they lived in Keystone Heights, Florida.(1)

*Cheryl Lynn's children (named Hall):*

i Lori Beth[12], b. 9 Nov 1983 Jacksonville, FL.

ii Christopher Adam[12], b. 1 Aug 1985 in Jacksonville.

Note:
1. A letter from James Roy Woodman, Jr., 457 Parkridge Ave., Orange Park, FL 32065, 25 Jan 1991.

**Marc Wayne[11] (James Roy[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-48.** Marc Wayne was born 26 June 1962 at Kadina Air Force Base, Okinawa. He married Toni

Littrell. In 1991 they lived in Carmi, Illinois.(1)

*Marc Wayne's children:*

i Richard Matthew[12], b. 17 Mar 1982 at Jacksonville, FL.

ii Marc Wayne, Jr.[12], b. 21 Jul 1983 at Jacksonville, FL.

Note:

1. A letter from James Roy Woodman, Jr., 457 Parkridge Ave., Orange Park, FL 32065, 25 Jan 1991.

**Kimberly Jane[11] (James Roy[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-49.** Kimberly Jane was born 10 June 1965 at Beeville, Texas. In 1991 Kimberly lived in Orange Park, Florida.(1)

*Kimberly Jane's child (named Felt):*

i Stephanie Michelle[12], b. 12 Feb 1984 at Jacksonville, FL.

Note:

1. A letter from James Roy Woodman, Jr., 457 Parkridge Ave., Orange Park, FL 32065, 25 Jan 1991.

**Jess Howard[11] (Jess O.[10-9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-50.** Jess Howard was born 17 August 1952 in Alton, Illinois. He married Virginia Ann Tyler, daughter of Bonnie and Charles Tyler of Godfrey, Illinois.

In 1990 Jess H. lived in Alton, Illinois.(1)

*Jess Howard's children:*

i Chad Tyler[12], b. 6 Aug 1979 in Alton, IL.

ii Ryan David[12], b. 7 Oct 1982 in Alton, IL.

Note:

1. Notes from telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1990 and Irene Marie Besaw, 8 Oct 1990; letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran, Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Sandra Kay Lyerla[11] (Shirley A. Woodman Lyerla[10], Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-51.** Sandra Kay was born 7 January 1961 in Alton, Illinois. She married Bruce Christensen in Roselle, Illinois on 20 April 1985. Bruce was born 24 May 1962, the son of Merritt and Jacqueline Christensen.

*Sandra's children (named Christensen):*(1)

i Zachary Wayne Lyerla[12], b. 11 May 1988 in Chicago, IL.

ii Meghan Ann[12], b. 12 Jan 1991 in Rochelle, IL.

Note:

1. Notes from telephone conversation with Shirley Ann Lyerla, Alton, IL, 2 Oct 1990; a letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Alan Wayne Besaw[11] (Irene M. Woodman Besaw[10], Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-52.** Alan Wayne was born 22 October 1960 in Alton, Illinois. On 31 May 1980 he married Donna Marie Gettiemier who was born 24 December 1960, the daughter of Robert and Marian

Gettiemier of Florissant, Missouri. In 1991 Alan W. lived in Dellwood, Missouri.(1)

*Alan Wayne's child (named Besaw):*

i Michelle Elizabeth[12], b. 2 Jun 1991, in St. Louis, MO.

Note:

1. A letter from Irene Marie Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Steven Bruce Besaw[11] (Irene M. Woodman Besaw[10], Jess O.[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-53.** Steven Bruce was born 8 February 1964 in Alton, Illinois. He married Christina Ann Benoit 31 August 1984. She was born 14 August 1964, the daughter of Carl and Ruth Benoit of St. Charles, Missouri. In 1991 Steven B. lived in Jennings, Missouri.(1)

*Steven B.'s children (named Besaw):*

i Steven Tyler[12], b. 18 May 1989 in St. Peters, MO.

ii Kyle Steven[12], b. 8 Mar 1991 in St. Peters, MO.

Note:

1. Notes of telephone conversation with Irene Marie Besaw, 8 Oct 1990 and 14 Jan 1991. Letters from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Janis Lee[11] (J. Walter[10], Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-54.** Janis Lee was born 24 December 1950 in Altus, Oklahoma. She married Mr. Petty. Janis Lee married second, Steve Joseph Warren 5 July 1985 in Jones, Oklahoma.(1)

*Janis L. and Mr. Petty's children – all born in Oklahoma City (named Petty):*

i Kimball Lynn[12], b. 15 Mar 1971.

ii Byran James[12], b. 26 Feb 1976.

iii Christopher Lige[12], b. 5 Jan 1978.

Note:

1. All from Hattie Lou Curb Woodman (Mrs. J. Walter), 3318 N. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

**Terri Michelle[11] (J. Walter[10], Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-55.** Terri Michelle was born 23 April 1954 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On 7 April 1989, in that city she married William T. Strunk, Jr. In 1990 they lived in Oklahoma City.(1)

*Terri M.'s children – all born in Oklahoma City (named Goodfellow and Tabor):*

i Steven Gregory Goodfellow[12], b. 7 Nov 1974.

ii Amanda Michelle Tabor[12], b. 22 Aug 1979.

iii Jeremy Carl Tabor[12], b. 20 Dec 1982.

Note:

1. From Hattie Lou Curb Woodman (Mrs. J. Walter), 3318 N. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

**Tamela Joy[11] (J. Walter[10], Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-56.** Tamela Joy was born 21 December 1957 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married Kirk Joseph Girrbach in that city.

*Tamela Joy's children (named Girrbach):*(1)

i Ian Travis[12], b. 7 Sep 1980 in Oklahoma City.
ii Rachel Marie[12], b. 8 Aug 1983 in Oklahoma City, a twin.
iii Rene Christine[12], b. 8 Aug 1983 in Oklahoma City, a twin.
iv Jennifer Ann[12], b. 21 Jun 1986 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Note:
1. All from Hattie Lou Curb Woodman (Mrs. J. Walter), 3318 N. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

**Cynthia Kay[11] (J. Walter[10], Elijah E.[9], Oscar E.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-57.** Cynthia Kay was born 21 February 1961 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married Joseph Juan Gerred who was born 5 January 1958, the adopted son of Becky and Ed. Gerred.(1)

*Cynthia Kay's children – all born in Oklahoma City (named Gerred):*

i Jeffery Joseph[12], b. 13 Jan 1979.
ii Adam Shane[12], b. 13 Nov 1980.
iii Andrew Grant[12], b. 3 May 1983.
iv Stephen Daniel[12], b. 14 Mar 1985.
v Tiffany Luanne[12], b. 23 Oct 1986.

Note:
1. Hattie Lou Curb Woodman (Mrs. J. Walter), 3318 N. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

**Edwina Browne[11] (Edwin I.[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-58.** Edwina Browne was born 24 February 1927. On 24 August 1954 she married John Garland Schuler who was born on New Year's Day 1932. In 1992 Edwina lived in Wellesley, Massachusetts.(1)

*Edwina Browne's children (named Schuler):*

**12-16** i John Edwin[12], b. 28 Oct 1955.
ii Dana Garland[12], b. 2 Apr 1959; d. 9 Oct 1959.
**12-17** iii Peter Scott[12], b. 4 Mar 1960.
**12-18** iv Matthew Irving[12], b. 6 Aug 1962.
v Phyllis Woodman[12], b. 12 Aug 1966.

Note:
1. All from Edwina Browne Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Adam Jazeniah Ross[11] (Phyllis C. Woodman Ross[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-59.** Adam Jazeniah was an adopted child born 22 November 1943. He married 1st Joan Sears. They divorced and Adam married second wife Joan Bertocchi 12 March 1982.(1)

*Adam J. and Joan S.'s children (named Ross):*

i Suzanna[12], b. 25 Oct 1971.
ii Ian[12], b. 4 Dec 1972.

*Adam J. and Joan B.'s children:*

iii Jessica[12], b. 26 Apr 1983.
iv Jacqueline[12], b. 23 May 1985.

Note:
1. All from Edwina Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Jonathan Woodman Ross[11] (Phyllis C. Woodman Ross[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-60.** Jonathan Woodman Ross was born 26 December 1946, an adopted son. On 15 April 1968 he married Susan Bennett. They divorced and 15 January 1983 Jonathan W. married Elizabeth Boelsen.(1)

*Jonathan W. and Susan's children (named Ross):*

i Jonathan Woodman, Jr.[12], b. 13 Oct 1968.
ii Tracy Lynn[12], b. 15 Dec 1970.
iii Heidi Barrett[12], b. 26 Apr 1983, an adopted daughter.
iv Wendy Elizabeth[12], b. 28 Feb 1976.

Note:
1. All from Edwina Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Daniel Wayne[11] (Daniel W.[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-61.** Daniel Wayne was born 4 June 1942(1) in Beverly, Massachusetts. He married Joann Pizza. In 1990 they lived in Beverly.

*Daniel W.'s children:*(2)

i Debra[12], b. 24 Apr 1970.
ii Adene[12], b. 24 Apr 1975.

Notes:
1. Danvers, MA Vital Record, Town Clerk's Office, 1915-1945, 20:169.
2. A report from Edwina Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Tracy Friend[11] (Daniel W.[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-62.** Tracy Friend III, b. 6 Feb 1945; married Debra _____.

*Tracy Friend III's children:*(1)

i Charlene[12], b. 11 Apr 1980.
ii Heather[12], b. 9 May 1983.

Note:
1. All from Edwina Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**James Woodman Kenney[11] (Harriette E. Woodman Kenney[10], Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-63.** James Woodman Kenney was born 21 August 1944; he married Laura Lee Deming 5 April 1964. They were divorced in 1980; he married second wife Donna Parris 14 February 1981. In 1989 he lived in Holderness, New Hampshire.

*James and Laura's child (named Kenney):*

i Kathleen Elaine[12], b. 22 May 1965. After Kathleen graduated from high school in Plymouth, NH, she enrolled in Concord Hospital where she earned a degree in nursing. In 1990 she worked in Hanover, NH.

*James and Donna's children:*

ii Jayme Lyn[12], b. 30 Sep 1981.
iii Erin Joann[12], b. 8 Sep 1982.
iv Colleen Emerald[12], b. 17 Mar 1986.

Note:
1. Letters from Harriette Woodman Kenney.

**Joyce Faye[11] (Chester A.[10], Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-64.** Joyce Faye, born 30 August 1943; married John Fairbanks 10 March 1962. In 1897 they lived at 499 East Dexter Trail, Dansville, Michigan 48819.(1)

*Joyce Faye's children (named Fairbanks):*

i Tamara Lyn[12], b. 15 Apr 1963.
**12-19** ii Douglas Alan[12], b. 6 Jun 1966.
iii Scott David[12], b. 3 May 1968.

Note:
1. Letters from Harriette Kenney, Plymouth, NH.

**David Grant[11] (Chester A.[10], Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-65.** David Grant was born 10 June 1947. He married Bonnie Fletcher 5 July 1975.(1)

*David G.'s children:*

i Tenley Anne[12], b. 10 Apr 1979.
ii Grant Fletcher[12], b. 18 May 1981.

Note:
1. Letters from Harriette Kenney, Plymouth, NH.

**Leslie Gail[11] (Chester A.[10], Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-66.** Gail Leslie was born 26 March 1954. In 1974 she had her name changed to *Leslie Gail* "because it was euphonically better," she wrote.(1)

On 30 August 1978 she married David Parish in Copenhagen, Denmark where both were in the service. In 1987 Leslie wrote, ". . . we have moved again (the 14th time in 9 years) and we have returned to El Paso, Texas."

In the spring of 1990 Leslie Gail lived at 10360 Rushing Street, El Paso, Texas 79924.

*Leslie G.'s children (named Parish):*(2)

i Catherine Elizabeth[12] (Katie), b. 23 Nov 1980.
ii Margaret Joan[12] (Meg), b. 29 Nov 1981.
iii Anna Christine[12], b. 15 Nov 1983 in Germany.

Notes:
1. Reg. of Probate, Grafton, Co., NH; letter from Leslie Gail Parish, 8811 Hunting Lane, T-3, Laurel, MD 20708, 4 Apr 1987.
2. Letters from Harriette Kenney and Leslie Gail Parish.

**Arthur Everett[11] (Harold F.[10], Walter P.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-67.** Arthur Everett was born 9 February 1932 in Salem, Massachusetts. On 13 February 1951 he married Dorothy Ruth Bates who was born 26 October 1929 in Salem, the daughter of Walter Joseph and Florence Josephine (Wymond) Bates of Salem. Dorothy died 6 April 1982 in Salem.

*Arthur Everett's child – perhaps there are more:*

i Patricia Anne[12], b. 9 Sep 1952 in Salem. In 1990 she lived in Peabody, MA.(1)

Note:

1. Pedigree Charts from Arthur Everett's daughter, Patricia Anne Woodman, Peabody, MA, Mar 1990.

**Beverly A. Mitchell[11] (Herbert K. Mitchell[10], Edna T. Woodman Mitchell[9], True W.[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**11-68.** Beverly Ann was born 30 March 1936. She married Robert P. Beaudette of Thompson Road 26 November 1955 at St. Rock's Church in Oxford, Massachusetts. Robert P. born about 1935, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beaudette of Thompson Road, Webster, Massachusetts.

Beverly Ann wrote:

> We live in an old Victorian style house with a small plot of land on the main road to the town of Oxford. We have a German shepherd dog, Siamese and Himalayan cats. I am a 'Jill of all trades' but have worked mainly as a bookkeeper. Bob is a 'workaholic' and we have owned a couple of businesses; a construction company and more recently a brokerage firm dealing in industrial waste. We sold out about three years ago, invested in rental properties and now dabble in antiques. Son Mike still works at the brokerage firm.
>
> I have many interests, including reading, crafts, politics, swimming and escaping to the family shanty in Maine. But, I like the genealogy best. I call it my tranquilizer and can easily get totally lost in it. Making time available can be a problem though for we live a busy hectic life much of the time. Bob is a selectman in town and the phone rings constantly. Thank goodness for those machines or I would never get a thing done.

*Beverly Ann's children (named Beaudette):*(1)

**12-20** i Debra Ann[12], b. 7 Jan 1958.

ii Michael Alan[12], b. 10 Aug 1959. Not married in 1989.

Note:

1. Letters from Beverly Ann Beaudette, R.#1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, 17 Aug 1989, 4 Apr 1989; news clipping of Beverly's wedding.

# Twelfth Generation

**Charles Eric Kimball[12] (Paul Woodman Kimball[11], Marion P. Page Kimball[10], Alta M. Jones Page[9], Elizabeth A. Woodman Jones[8], Seth Walker[7], Joseph[6], Jonathan[5-4-3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-1.** Charles Eric attended Warren Wilson College in North Carolina. He served in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. While there he married Alicia. In 1988 Charles Eric was working in Kensington, New Hampshire.(1)

*Charles Eric's children (named Kimball):*

i Isagani[13].
ii Sherri, adopted child from Alicia's first marriage.
iii Michael, adopted child from Alicia's first marriage.

Note:
1. All from Robert G. Kimball, 5 Heddings Rd., Epping, NH 03042, 8 Aug 1988.

**Jo Anne Harms[12] (Edna Abigail Woodman Harms[11], Horatio Leroy[10], Asa Dunbar[9], Asa Dunbar Edgar[8], Daniel[7], Andrew[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-2.** Jo Anne was born 16 July 1933 in Elkhart, Indiana. She married Conrad Weston Stephens 4 January 1955 in Elkhart. He was born 29 July 1934 in Sault St. Marie, Minnesota, the son of Colan and Violet Olga (Weston) Stephens.(1)

*Jo Anne's children (named Stephens):*

i Mark Victor[13], b. 3 Feb 1956 in Washington, DC. On 14 Aug 1978 he m. Connie Marie Eichorn. On 13 Jul 1985 he m. Gina Lynn. In 1990 they had one child.
ii Scott David[13], b. 22 Jan 1958 in Washington, DC. He m. Ruth LeAnn Brown 4 Apr 1983. They had four children in 1990.
iii Connie Jo[13], b. 29 Nov 1960 in So. Haven, Van Buren Co., MI. On 28 Jul 1979 she m. Steven Patric Lehrer.

Note:
1. Letters from Jo Anne Harms Stephens, W5537 Fire Lane 12, Menasha, WI 54952, 1990.

**Jon Wilfred[12] (Wilfred H.[11], Oscar R.[10], Walter David[9], Stephen Mead[8], William Steven[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-3.** Jon Wilfred was born 8 Feb 1941. Jon Wilfred married.(1)

*Jon Wilfred's child:*

i Audrey[13], b. 5 Jul 1966.

Note:
1. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 112, 123.

**Russell Towbridge[12] (Rogers Towbridge[11], Oscar R.[10], Walter D.[9], Stephen M.[8], William S.[7], John[6], Joshua[5-4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-4.** Russell Towbridge was born 16 August 1939. He married Agnes Ursula Price.(1)

*Russell T.'s children:*

i Todd Michael[13], b. 16 Sep 1963.
ii Kelley Leigh[13], b. 2 Oct 1965.

Note:
1. *Descendants of Capt. John[2] Woodman and Mary (Field) Woodman*; an unpublished workbook of genealogical notes by Bess Woodman Odiorne, Michigan State Library, Lansing, MI, pp. 113, 124.

**Jeannie Michelle Shreffler[12] (Nancy J. Peterka Shreffler[11], Elma F. Woodman Peterka[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

12-5. Jeannie Michelle was born 15 March 1953. She married James Meade 12 February 1972 and divorced 19 February 1987.(1)

*Jeannie Michelle's children (named Meade):*

i Jaime Michelle[13], b. 23 Jan 1976.
ii Jordan McKenzie[13], b. 27 Feb 1979.
iii Jan Michael[13], b. 15 Sep 1982.

Note:
1. Notes from Elma Francis Woodman Peterka Roberts, East Peoria, IL, 1990.

**Patricia Jan Shreffler[12] (Nancy J. Peterka Shreffler[11], Elma F. Woodman Peterka[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

12-6. Patricia Jan was born 28 March 1957. She married Wayne Underwood 11 June 1977.(1)

*Patricia Jan's children (named Underwood):*

i Amy Jean[13], b. 14 May 1981.
ii Ryan[13], b. 10 Sep 1986.

Note:
1. Notes from Elma Francis Woodman Peterka Roberts, East Peoria, IL, 1990.

**Mary Ellen Shreffler[12] (Nancy J. Peterka Shreffler[11], Elma F. Woodman Peterka[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

12-7. Mary Ellen was born 21 January 1963. She married Richard (Rich) Gay 26 May 1984.(1)

*Mary Ellen's children (named Gay):*

i Richard Kyle[13], b. 8 May 1986.
ii Robert Andrew[13], b. 8 Dec 1987.

Note:
1. Notes from Elma Francis Woodman Peterka Roberts, East Peoria, IL, 1990.

**Paula Jo Shreffler[12] (Nancy J. Peterka Shreffler[11], Elma F. Woodman Peterka[10], Elijah F.[9-8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

12-8. Paula Jo was born 20 March 1964. She married Lewie (sic) Smith 11 April 1987.(1)

*Paula Jo's child (named Smith):*

i Amber McCall[13], b. 19 Sep 1989.

Note:
1. Notes from Elma Francis Woodman Peterka Roberts, East Peoria, IL, 1990.

**Tammy Jean Beckworth[12] (Lloyd E. Beckworth[11], Zella P. Woodman Beckworth[10], Oran (Ora) Ardious[9], Hiram R.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

12-9. Tammy Jean was born 4 April 1971 in Floydada, Texas; she married Richard Whitfield.(1)

*Tammy Jean's child (named Whitfield):*

i Joshua[13].

Note:
1. A telephone conversation with Pamela Sanders Beckworth, 816 N. California, Henrietta, TX 76365.

**Julia Ann Winters[12] (Mary Ann Cash[11], Ruth M. Davis Cash[10], Delbert L. Davis[9], Martha F. Woodman Davis[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-10.** Julia Ann was born 19 October 1965 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She married Scott Calvin Ludolph 7 June 1985 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Scott Calvin was born 3 October 1961 in Freeport, Illinois, the son of Norman Eugene and Jean Lavera (Solace) Ludolph.

In 1994 they lived in Stillwater, Oklahoma.(1)

*Julia Ann and Scott's children (named Ludolph):*

i Alisa Marie[13], b. 27 Sep 1985 in Stillwater, OK.

ii Christina Jean[13], b. 26 Mar 1990 in Stillwater, OK.

Note:

1. Mary Ann Cash Winters, Stillwater, OK.

**Gregory A. Haverfield[12] (Donald G. Haverfield[11], Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-11.** Gregory Allen was born 12 April 1963. On 19 October 1985 he married Brenda Millian who was born 6 November 1962. In 1991 they lived in the area of White Hall, Illinois.(1)

*Gregory Allen's child (named Haverfield):*

i Bradley[13], b. 15 Oct 1986.

Note:

1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Brian L. Haverfield[12] (Donald G. Haverfield[11], Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-12.** Brian Lee was born 18 May 1966. On 27 June 1987 he married Catherine Mills who was born 27 November 1969. In 1991 they lived in the White Hall, Illinois, area.(1)

*Brian Lee's children (named Haverfield):*

i Jeffery[13], b. 26 Dec 1987.

ii Aaron[13], b. 13 Feb 1989.

iii Kersten[13], b. 23 Oct 1990.

Note:

1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Michael Haverfield[12] (Donald G. Haverfield[11], Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-13.** Michael was born 2 March 1969. In 1991 he was living in the White Hall, Illinois, area.

*Michael's child (named Haverfield):*(1)

i Stephanie[13], b. 9 Mar 1986.

Note:

1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Tracy Lin Chapman[12] (Billie C. Haverfield Chapman[11], Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-14.** Tracy Lin was born 15 July 1963. On 19 August 1983 she married John Benkowski. In June of 1986 Tracy divorced and married David Lee Sweetin. In 1991 Tracy Lin lived in the White Hall, Illinois, area.(1)

*Tracy Lin's and John's children (named Benkowski):*

i John Tyler[13], b. 10 Oct 1984.
ii Shane Thomas[13], b. 21 Nov 1985.
iii Alyssa Cheryl[13], b. 24 Oct 1989.

*Tracy Lin's and David Lee's child – may be others (named Sweetin):*

iv David Lee[13], b. 30 Sep 1990.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**Pamela Sue Chapman[12] (Billie C. Haverfield Chapman[11], Eloise B. Fraser Haverfield[10], Anna F. Woodman Fraser[9], William B.[8], Nelson[7], Elijah[6], Archelaus[5], Joshua[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-15.** Pamela Sue was born 15 Aug 1964. On 7 May 1983 she married Douglas J. Florence who was born 20 February 1963. They divorced 20 January 1989. In 1991 she lived in the White Hall, Illinois area.(1)

*Pamela Sue's children (named Florence):*

i Joel Wesley[13], b. 29 Aug 1984.
ii Jarrod Paul[13], b. 24 Mar 1986.
iii Alisha Ann[13], b. 14 Jun 1988.
iv Rochelle Leigh McElroy[13], b. 4 Oct 1989.

Note:
1. Letter from Irene Besaw, 1414 Moran Dr., St. Louis, MO 63135, 25 Jun 1991.

**John Edwin Schuler[12] (Edwina B. Woodman Schuler[11], Edwin I.[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-16.** John Edwin was born 28 October 1955. On 9 May 1981 he married Jody Ihrig who was born 9 August 1956.(1)

*John Edwin's child (named Schuler):*

i Megan Suzanne[13], b. 31 Aug 1984.

Note:
1. A report from Edwina Browne Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Peter Scott Schuler[12] (Edwina B. Woodman Schuler[11], Edwin I.[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-17.** Peter Scott was born 4 March 1960. On 25 October 1980 he married Dianne Wilson who was born 14 December 1961. They divorced in 1985.(1)

*Peter Scott's children (named Schuler):*

i Melissa Sue[13], b. 25 Apr 1980. She is adopted from Dianne's first marriage.

ii Michael Scott[13], b. 13 May 1984.

Note:
1. Report from Edwina Browne Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Matthew Irving Schuler[12] (Edwina B. Woodman Schuler[11], Edwin I.[10], Henry W.[9], Daniel[8-7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-18.** Matthew Irving was born 6 August 1962. On 28 December 1984 he married Meredith Mathna who was born 30 March 1949.(1)

*Matthew Irving's child (named Schuler):*

i Christopher John[13], b. Feb 1991. An adopted boy.

Note:
1. A report from Edwina Browne Woodman Schuler, 35 Emerson Place, Wellesley, MA 08181, 1 Jun 1991.

**Douglas Alan Fairbanks[12] (Joyce F. Woodman Fairbanks[11], Chester A.[10], Harry C.[9], LeRoy F.[8], Jonathan[7], Paul[6], John[5], Edward[4], Jonathan[3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-19.** Douglas Alan was born 6 June 1966; married Sharon.

*Douglas A.'s child (named Fairbanks):*(1)

i Amanda Sue[12], b. 1989.

Note:
1. Letters from Harriette Kenney, Plymouth, NH; letters from Leslie Gail Parish, 10360 Rushing Street, El Paso, TX 79924.

**Debra Ann Beaudette[12] (Beverly A. Mitchell Beaudette[11], Herbert K. Mitchell[10], Edna T. Woodman Mitchell[9], True W.[8], Josiah[7-6], Edward[5-4], Jonathan [3], John[2], Edward[1])**

**12-20.** Debra Ann was born 7 January 1958: m. _____.(1)

*Debra Ann's children (named _____):*

i Tauren[13], b. about 1984.
ii Jaren[13], b. about 1986, a twin.
iii Arianne[13], b. about 1986, a twin.

Note:
1. Letter from Beverly Ann Beaudette, R.#1, Box 286, Charlton, MA 01507, 17 Aug 1989, 4 Apr 1989.

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## English Origins of the Woodman Family

Edward Woodman and his wife, Joanna, came to Newbury, Massachusetts from England in 1635. They are the founders of this Woodman family in America.

In 1855 Cyrus Woodman commissioned Joshua Coffin, the author of *A Sketch of the History of Newbury, Newburyport and West Newbury,* to prepare a genealogy of the Woodman family. Mr. Coffin reported that at about the same time Edward arrived in Newbury, a mercer (a dealer in cloth) from Christian Malford, Wiltshire County, England, called Hercules Woodman came to Newbury on the ship *James* which sailed from Southampton in April of 1635. In this country Hercules was called Archelaus. Coffin supposed Edward and Archelaus were brothers.(1)

Jabez Howard Woodman was convinced Edward and Archelaus were brothers and in 1856 he wrote that his father, Jabez[6] (b. 1776), said his grandfather's great-grandfather came from England. He wrote:

> Among other things I can recollect for a certainty is that he spoke of the Woodmans who came from England as being brothers. Joseph[5] [b. 1749] who was an uncle to my father, and who, when I was some twelve years of age, spent several months at our house, used to take great delight in telling what he had heard respecting the Woodmans who first came from England. He told us particularly too, about his grandfather Deacon Archelaus of Newbury [b. 1672]. To use Joseph's words – for the following at least is deeply engraven on my memory. 'My father once carried me clear to Newbury on purpose to see my grandfather.'
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> I am certain of one thing, however, that it was distinctly stated that the Woodmans who first came to this country were brothers, and that they settled in Newbury. I am fully aware that such a statement from Joseph[5] does not prove the fact. There is no question but that Deacon Archelaus knew pretty well whether his own grandfather Edward[1] and Archelaus who came from 'Christian Malford' were brothers or not. And how could the opinion that they were brothers be as current in the family of his son, Joshua[4] of Kingston, New Hampshire unless such was literally the fact? [The underling is Jabez H's.] For my part, I think there is but little room for any doubt.(2)

And it is a family tradition that Edward and Archelaus were brothers. "Archelaus" was not a really common name even in those times, but in the Edward[1] family, children were given the name "Archelaus" through six generations.

Cyrus was interested in the family's English origins and engaged a Mrs. Harriet de Salis of England to do research. She traced Edward's beginnings to Corsham in Wiltshire County, which is about twelve miles from Christian Malford. She sent Cyrus copies of the wills of Nicholas who died in 1564, Edward who died in 1573 and Valentine.

Cyrus wrote:

> Corsham is a small place in Wilts [Wiltshire] nine miles N.N.E. of Bath. The town or parish registers begin only in 1564, and Nicholas Woodman who came from Surrey County died there that year and is the first record of any parish event. Edward, his brother, died there in 1573.
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> The family remained in Corsham and Colerne, the neighboring parish, from that time until the present (1868). One branch, a descendant of Nicholas, went to West Mells, also a neighboring parish, and some more settled in Holts, Wiltshire. Valentine, it seems from a will, settled in Christian Malford but the registers there were all destroyed by fire caused by lightning from the time required until 1702. A branch settled in Netleton, Wilts, and descendants of Thomas went to London where Mary, wife of one Thomas, was nurse to Princess Elizabeth to whom she bequeathed 120 pounds. Other Woodmans settled in Devonshire and were there many years, but the old county family was of Surrey. Those of Wilts were mostly yeoman.(3)

It is impossible to know if this last paragraph by Cyrus was based upon information from Harriet de Salis. If it was written from de Salis' research it may be false as we shall see later. But Cyrus was a lawyer and liked solid proof; it is said he had not been satisfied with the information. So he sent his son Frank, an importer in West Virginia, to England to copy the parish records. Every birth, marriage, baptism and death from 1564 to 1634 is said to be included.(4)

On 27 November 1921 G. Andrew Moriarty wrote to Elijah Franklin, Jr. "I understand," he said, "that you are compiling a genealogy of the Woodman family and I am writing to ask you if you have succeeded in finding the parentage and ancestry of Archelaus Woodman of Newbury whose daughter Sarah married Brocklebank and was my ancestress." Moriarty was a member of the Harvard Club of Boston and gave his title as Chairman of the Committee on English Research of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

In December of 1921 Moriarty sent a list of Woodman wills to Elijah F., Jr. and asked him to send the wills from Corsham Parish that de Salis had sent to Cyrus. He had done some research in England himself, he said, and perhaps they could combine their information; they might even split the cost of hiring more work in England.(5)

Moriarty did send to England and the results were surprising. The de Salis wills were no place to be found, and they could only conclude they were forgeries.(6)

The last letter from Moriarty was 19 April 1928. Elijah Franklin, Jr. had died the previous year and Moriarty pleaded with E.F., Jr's widow to return the wills he had sent.(7)

In July of 1943 Moriarty, then of Ogunquit, Maine, published an article in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* about the origins of Edward and Archelaus.

Although he had not known Cyrus Woodman, Moriarty told of Cyrus' experience with Mrs. de Salis and the forged research. He also told of his correspondence with a Woodman from the Middle West who failed to return a set of wills he had sent. This was, of course, Elijah Franklin, Jr. I found the wills Moriarty spoke of, and I have them.

Moriarty's report is quite complicated and I would not like to paraphrase him. While it might seem improper to do so, I have, at this point, chosen to copy his work exactly. The reader should bear in mind this is the work and research of Mr. Moriarty and his exact words.

> A good many years ago the writer of this article examined the Corsham parish register and the Salisbury wills for the purpose of compiling a true account of the family of Edward Woodman and Archelaus Woodman. At the end of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth centuries the parish of Corsham was filled with Woodmans, whose number was so great as almost to constitute a tribe. The wills also are very numerous. Several members of the family appear in the great subsidy of 1524, and it is quite evident that the Woodmans must, at this date, have been residing for several centuries in and about Corsham and during that period have raised large families. This fact, together with lack of wills at vital points has rendered it impossible to construct a satisfactory pedigree of the family back of the grandfather of Archelaus. In the present article not all the numerous entries from the Corsham parish register will be given, but only such as appear to have a bearing on the immediate family of the emigrants. In like manner only such wills as appear to belong to these people will be given from among the numerous Woodman wills taken from the various probate courts of the Bishopric of Salisbury.
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> Unfortunately it will not be possible to give the references for these wills for the following reason. A number of years ago a Woodman living in the Middle West announced that he was compiling a genealogy of the family, and this contributor, more trustingly than wisely, loaned him the entire collection of wills. All efforts to secure its return from this gentleman or his widow have proved fruitless. Fortunately copies of the wills were made before they were sent away, but the copyist failed to note the references. These wills were taken from the various probate courts of the Bishopric of Salisbury and will be found in the calendars of those courts now on file, together with the wills themselves, at Somerset House.
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> The Corsham Woodmans were a numerous group of middle class yeomen and arti-

sans who had long been settled in and about Corsham, so that at the beginning of the seventeenth century they formed a large part of the inhabitants of the parish.

From Lay Subsidies*
Parish of Corsham, co. Wilts.

16 Henry VIII [1524-25] John Woodman, [valuation] £8, [tax] 4s. (197/155.)
Richard Woodman, in goods [valuation] £7, [tax] 3s. 6d. (197/155.)
41 Elizabeth [1598-1599] Richard Woodman, [valuation] 20s., [tax] 4s. (198/331.)
William Woodman, [valuation] 20s., [tax] 4s. (198/331, returned
20 September, 41 Elizabeth [1599].)

From Miscellaneous Book T.R. 46.

Wiltshire Musters 1539, f° 35b Liberty of Corsham Nicholas Woodman an archer. William and John Woodman billmen.

Wills From the Probate Courts of the Bishop Of Salisbury

The Will of NICHOLAS WOODMAN of Corsham, dated 11 March 1563/64 and proved 5 May 1564. To sons Nicholas, Richard, Robert, Thomas and William the younger. To daughters Joan Woodman and Margaret Pinchin. To nephew John Hulbert. To Elizabeth, daughter of young Nicholas Woodman. To son John. Residuary legatee and executrix, wife Elizabeth. Richard Pinchin overseer. Witnessed by Richard Pinchin, William and Robert Woodman et als.

The Will of RICHARD WOODMAN of Corsham, dated 27 March 1567. No probate act. To be buried in Corsham Church [this indicated a superior social position]. To son Robert, son John the elder, sons Richard and Thomas, son John the younger. To my sons' children. To son Robert's children. Residuary legatee and executor son Richard. To daughters Agnes and Alice. Witnessed by Thomas Woodman et als.

The Will of ELIZABETH WOODMAN, dated 30 March 1575. No probate act. To be buried in Corsham churchyard. To sons John, Nicholas, Richard, Thomas and Robert Woodman. To daughters Margaret and Joan, wife of Thomas Becfer. Residuary legatee and executor, son William Woodman, who is to keep the child of John Watts until he is 21 years old.

The Will of THOMAS WOODMAN of Pickwick in Corsham, husbandman, dated 16 September 1600 and proved 25 September 1601. To daughter Jane and sons Anthony, Thomas the younger and wife Elizabeth.

The Will of THOMAS WOODMAN of Corsham, roughmason, dated March 1612/13 and proved April 1613. To sons Robert and Thomas, daughter Jane Hayward and wife Agnes. Witnessed by Nicholas and William Woodman et al.

The Will of PETER SMITH alias WOODMAN of Christian Malford, dated 15 February 1566/7 and proved 23 May 1567. To daughters Joan and Alice Woodman, brother-in-law Nicholas Rimell and his daughter Joan. To sister Maud Rimell and brother-in-law William Wellstede. To wife Agnes and son Hugh Woodman.

The Will of EDWARD WOODMAN "late of Corsham" (nuncupative will). To all his children "now living" 2s. each. To wife Edith, who is residuary legatee and executrix. Witnessed by Edward Dyer, John and David Woodman. Proved 16 July 1654.

From the Corsham Parish Registers (1563-1634)

**Baptisms**

1565 Thomas, son of Thomas, 8 April.
1566 Elizabeth, of Thomas, 3 November.
1567 Prudence, of Thomas, 25 January [1567/8].
1568 Maulde, of Thomas, 4 April.
1574 Joan, of Thomas, 25 July.
1574 Edward, of Thomas, 9 October.
1576 Anthony, of Thomas, 13 May.
1577 John, of Thomas, 11 August.

1578 Jane, of Thomas, 25 October.
1578 Robert, of Thomas, 1 November.
1581 Jane, of Thomas, 18 March.
1583 Jane, of Thomas, 8 March [1583/4].
1585 Agnes, of Thomas, 1 August.
1588 Anne, of Thomas, 27 May.
1591 Thomas, of Thomas, 26 September.
1601 Mary, of Edward, 24 January [1601/2].
1604 Elizabeth, of Edward, 1 July.
1606 Edward, of Edward, 27 December.
1612 Edward, of John, 28 October.
1613 Archelaus, of Edward, 23 January [1613/14].
1616 Rebecca, of Edward, 15 December.
1617 Thomas, of Thomas, 2 July.
1620 Walter, of Edward, 25 March
1621 Jonathan, of Edward, 12 August.
1623 Anna, of Edward, 23 November.
1625 Ruth, of Edward, 27 December.
1628 David, of Edward, 17 August.

**Marriages**

1566 Thomas Woodman and Jane Champion 12 September.
1574 Thomas Woodman and Elizabeth Pryor 24 April.
1600 Edward Woodman and Collet Mallet 30 June.
1615 Thomas Woodman and Sarah Bolwell 7 January [1615/16].

**Burials**

1563 Nicholas Woodman 27 March [1563/4].
1567 Richard Woodman 9 April.
1568 Jane Woodman wife of Thomas 20 April.
1568 Alice Woodman wife of Thomas 18 May.
1575 Elizabeth Woodman 1 April.
1577 John Woodman son of Thomas 6 December.
1581 John Woodman son of Thomas 27 December.
1586 Mary Woodman daughter of Thomas 9 March [1586/7].
1611 Collice Woodman wife of Edward 5 July.
1612 Thomas Woodman 17 March [1612/13].
1614 Edward Woodman 21 April.
1633 Jane Woodman daughter of Edward 4 July.

From the above records it will appear that early in the seventeenth century there were two Edward Woodmans in Corsham. One of these was buried there on 21 April 1614, the other was the father of Archelaus (baptized 23 January 1613/14), and this latter Edward evidently had children down to 1628 when David, son of Edward Woodman, was baptized on 17 August 1628. It may be suggested this latter Edward is identical with the Edward Woodman who married Collett Mallet on 30 June 1600 and had Edward, baptized 27 December 1606 (who is undoubtedly the Edward Woodman who settled in Newbury, Massachusetts). Collett Woodman was buried at Corsham on 5 July 1611. Edward remarried and had Archelaus, baptized 23 January 1613/14 (Archelaus deposed on 9 November 1695, aged 80 years, Suffolk County, Massachusetts Old Supreme Jud. Ct. Files, no 1117). It would seem that the elder Edward is the testator of Corsham of 1654, who was evidently, from the wording of his will, which left to each of his children "now living," an old man. He was, then, the father of the two settlers of Newbury, who were evidently half brothers. He, in turn, was probably the Edward Woodman, baptized at Corsham on 9 October 1574, the son of Thomas Woodman. It is impossible to say whether this Thomas Woodman was the

Thomas, son of Nicholas, the testator of 1563, or the Thomas who was the son of Richard, the testator of 1567. Nicholas and Richard may have been brothers and the sons of either John or Richard Woodman, who appear in the Subsidy of 1524. Nicholas occurs in the Muster roll of 1539. As there were two Thomas Woodmans living in Corsham around 1575, each with families, we are not able to give with certainty the brothers and sisters of Edward, the father of the emigrants, but it seems probable that Edward was the son of the Thomas Woodman who married Elizabeth Pryor on 24 April 1574.

1. THOMAS WOODMAN, of Corsham, co. Wilts., England, was born about 1545. He is probably the Thomas Woodman who married at Corsham, 24 April 1574, Elizabeth Pryor.

*Child:*

2. i Edward, bapt. at Corsham 9 Oct 1574.

2. EDWARD WOODMAN (Thomas), was baptized 9 October 1574, and is probably the Edward Woodman whose nuncupative will was proved 16 July 1654. He married first, at Corsham, 30 June 1600, Collet Mallet, who was buried there 5 July 1611; and secondly Edith _____.

*Children by first wife, baptized at Corsham:*

i Mary, bapt. 24 Jan 1601/2.
ii Elizabeth, bapt. 1 July 1604.
3. iii Edward, bapt. 27 Dec 1606.

*Children by second wife, baptized at Corsham:*

4. iv Archelaus, bapt. 23 Jan 1613/14.
v Rebecca, bapt. 15 Dec 1616.
vi Walter, bapt. 25 Mar 1620.
vii Jonathan, bapt. 12 Aug 1621.
viii Anne, bapt. 23 Nov 1623.
ix David, bapt. 17 Aug 1628.

3. EDWARD[1] WOODMAN (Edward, Thomas), of Corsham [see Edward[1] page 3], was baptized there 27 Dec 1606.

4. ARCHELAUS (HERCULES)[1] WOODMAN (Edward, Thomas), of Christian Malford, Co. Wilts., England, baptized at Corsham 23 Jan 1613/14.(8)

In 1931 Edward Woodman, a son of Cyrus, wrote to Elijah Franklin, Junior. While reviewing the papers left by his sister, Mary, Edward found letters written by Elijah Franklin. Edward wrote to advise Elijah F. that Mary had died 7 April 1927. Edward had no way of knowing that Elijah F. had died in June of that same year. Edward wrote:

> Last summer I visited Corsham in Wiltshire, England, to see the old church there where Edward, our immigrant ancestor was baptized. I engaged a local clergyman (not the Vicar of Corsham Church) to go through the old Parish records from 1600 to 1635 and send me transcripts of any records touching Edward.
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> He later sent me the following entries copied from the Register:
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> 1600 Edward Woodman and Collett Mallett married June 30.
> 1606 Edward, son of Edward Woodman bapt. December 7.
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> The latter Edward is doubtless our immigrant ancestor who settled in Newbury, Massachusetts in 1635.
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> There was also a daughter, Elizabeth, baptized July 1, 1604.
> Another daughter, Rebecca, baptized December 15, 1616.
> A son, Walter, baptized March 25, 1619.
> Another son, Jonathan, baptized August 12, 1621.
> A daughter, Anne, baptized November 3, 1623.
> Ruth, baptized December 27, 1625.
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> My correspondant makes the name 'Collett Mallett' but . . . he says that the old entries are somewhat difficult to decipher and he adds: 'Collett seems a curious name for his (Edward's) wife but I cannot read it anything else' . . . Very truly yours, Edward Woodman.(9)

Notes:
1. Joshua Coffin, *A Sketch of The History of Newbury, Newburyport and West Newbury,* Peter E. Randall, for the Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, MA, Inc., 1977; Joshua Coffin, *A List of Some of the Descendants of Mr. Edward Woodman,* Union Job Office, Newburyport, MA, 1855.
2. J. H. Woodman, *A List of the Descendants of Mr. Joshua Woodman Who Settled at Kingston, NH about 1756,* J. Griffin, Brunswick, ME, 1856, pp. 49 and 50.
3. Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr.'s big journal.
4. Ibid.
5. Letters from G. Andrew Moriarty, The Harvard Club of Boston, 374 Commonwealth Ave., Boston MA, 27 Nov, 11 Dec 1921 and 21 Jan 1922.
6. Letter from Moriarty, St. Botolph Club, 4 Newbury St., Boston, 5 Dec 1922.
7. Letter from Moriarty, Ridgemere, Leroy Ave., Newport, RI. Also letters 10 Feb 1922, 7 Mar 1922, 25 Mar 1922, 1 Jun 1922, 1 Nov 1922
8. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 97, pp. 281-286.
9. A letter from Edward Woodman, 75 Vaughn St., Portland, ME, 17 May 1931.

## Woodmans Who Came to America Not Known to be Related to Edward Who Came to Newbury, Massachusetts in 1635.

On "Primo die July" in 1635, several weeks after Archelaus arrived in Newbury, Massachusetts on the *James*, the ship *Abigail* brought a nine-year-old-boy named Richard Woodman.(1) Richard died in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1647. An inventory was made of his estate in December 1647. John Gillow and Henry Bartholomew testified as to the will of Richard as follows: four pounds to the elders of Lynn, forty shillings apiece; all the residue he would give to Joseph Belknap, Richard Moore and his master John Gillow, equally divided. Joseph Belknap was the executor. "Probate 1st 10th month 1647."(2) There is no record Richard had children or that he was related to Edward[1] who settled in Newbury.

Notes:
1. John Camden Hotten, *The Original Lists of Persons of Quality,* 1600-1700, G. A. Baker & Co., Inc., New York, 1931, p. 98; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 14, p. 318.
2. John Farmer, *Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England,* reprinted with additions and corrections by Samuel G. Drake, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1979; Essex Institute Collection, Salem, MA, Vol. 1, pp. 7, 8.; *New England Historical & Genealogical Register,* Vol. 8, p. 168 and Vol. 68, p. 190.

Walter John Woodman came from Corsham, Wiltshire, England to Cleveland, Ohio in 1877. His parents were Robert and Lucy (Chivers) Woodman. Walter John was one of eleven children and the only one to come to America. Walter John had a son named Arthur Woodman. In 1921 Walter John lived at 955 E. 61st. St., Chicago, Illinois (Letters 16 April 1921, and 27 April 1921).

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Oscar H. Woodman of Joliet, Illinois wrote that his mother & father came to America from Sweden about 1870. In Sweden his name was "Wedman," which was translated here to Woodman. Oscar H. wrote there were about twenty-five or thirty persons living in the vicinity of Joliet. Oscar H. had nine children, the eldest being Pearl who married Mr. P. Haglund. Oscar H. owned an Electric Shoe Repair business there (Letter 19 April 1921, 402 Stirling Ave., Joliet, Illinois).

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Aaron Woodman of Frankfort, Illinois wrote they were given the name of Woodman when they came from Sweden to America (Letter, Frankfort, IL 10 August 1921).

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Jacob Woodman came from Sweden about 1891. His name there was "Wadman" (Letters from 308 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN, 3 March 1921).

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Walter Traton Woodman was born 19 August 1866 in Aylesbury, Bucks, England, the son of George Fountain Woodman. They came to America in 1882. In 1921 he lived in Cleveland, Ohio and had one child Mildred Louisa.

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In 1850 Herbert (b. about 1820 in Ireland) and Eliza (b. about 1825 in Ireland) Woodman lived in Bedford, Hillsboro Co., New Hampshire (1850 U.S. Census).

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James A. Woodman born 8 April 1837 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, England. In 1862 James A. and his cousin Robert (Robert's sons were Robert & John) went to Hamilton, Canada. James A. lived in Chicago from 1863 to 1867 where he married Elizabeth Pool. Then he moved to Denver, Colorado. In 1876 James A. went to Omaha, Nebraska. Had children Merriam, James D., Herbert John and Arthur Edward. In 1909 James A. was an insurance agent in Omaha, Nebraska (Letters from James A. Woodman, Omaha, NE, February 1909 and 19 October 1909).

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Edward Woodman, a mariner, married Remember Maverick, the daughter of Moses Maverick. They had children Edward, Remember, John, Maverick, Moses and Samuel, all of whom were baptized in Salem, Massachusetts in 1684. This Edward, Sr. and his son Edward, Jr. signed a bond in Boston in 1694. Both were mariners. Edward, Sr. was dead by 29 November 1698 (New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 69, p. 156, and Vol. 96, pp. 359 & 360; MA Archives, Boston).

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John Woodman chartered his own ship about 1837 and sailed from Marlboro, England to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. He was the only son of John Woodman of Marlboro. John sailed with a wife, two daughters and eight sons, servants, a doctor, thoroughbred horses and furniture. After a year they moved to Amherst. The children were William, Henry, Denyes (?), James H., Charles, Thomas, Edward S., Alexander Malet, Harriet and Elizabeth. These children settled in Prince Edward Island, Winnipeg, and Moncton; Edward was on Greenbriar St. in Boston, Massachusetts. Alexander Malet married Alice Mary Nase in 1892 and bought land in Westfield, New Brunswick, Canada. Alexander died about 1900 (Letters from Alice Mary Woodman, Alivington Manor, Westfield, N. B., 22 April 1921 and Cornwall, P. E. I., Canada, 11 September 1921).

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John Woodman, in his twenties, came to Newport, Rhode Island from England in about 1663. He married Hannah Timberlake and settled in Little Compton, Rhode Island. Eleven generations of this Woodman family are recorded in *The Woodmans of Rhode Island,* by Helen D. Woodman, a well-indexed book of 382 pages.

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Five brothers, John, William, Edward, Robert and Thomas came from Morchard Bishop, Devon, England to Canada about 1869. They were the sons of John and Grace (Moore) Woodman of Morchard Bishop. After a brief stay Robert returned to England and John went to Jacksonville, Illinois. William and Thomas settled in Maize, Kansas. Edward went to Morton Co., Kansas.

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In 1986 Wolfgang Woodman lived in Wichita, Kansas. At age fifteen he was adopted by William Woodman who lived in California in 1986. Wm. Woodman was the son of Carl Woodman who died in Denver, Colorado in 1966. Carl also had a son Fred who lived in Brighton, CO in 1986.

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George, John, Frank, William, Rose, Vera, Betty, Delores, and Thomas E. Woodman were the children of Leslie P. Woodman and Mary (Johnson) Woodman. Leslie P. was George Leslie Puckett who was adopted about age eight by A. D. (Dan) & Minnie V. Woodman who lived in the Garden City-Sublette, Kansas area and were said to be distantly related to George Leslie. George Leslie was the son of George W. Puckett (b. about 1859; d. August 1893) and Rose (Campbell) (b. about 1861; d. February 1894). In 1986, Leslie P.'s children lived in the Wichita, Kansas area.

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Edward Woodman, said to be born 25 December 1749 in Chestertown, Maryland. His parents, thought to be from England, died when Edward was very young and their names are unknown. He served in the Revolutionary War and married Sarah Stephens 18 September 1789. They lived in Tredyferin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Their children were Ruth, Wm. T., Abisha T., Rebecca S., Edward, Mary E., Henry, perhaps others.

Abisha T. son of Edward and Sarah (Stephens) married Hannah Junkin, lived Pottsville & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; died Jacksonville, Illinois 1872. Had children: Sarah A., Jane, Edward (d. Jacksonville), Wm. C. born 27 October 1816 Chester County, PA.

Wm. C., son of Abisha T., married Amanda M. Twining and went to Jacksonville, Illinois; married second Elizabeth Williams. William C. came to Wichita 1870. Children: William, Wallace (d.), Annie, Thomas, Harry (d.), Edward, Clarence, Grant, Rea and L. C.

Another son of Edward and Sarah (Stephens) was Henry, born 20 December 1795; married Mary Smith. Children: Benjamin Smith, Edward, Mary Smith, Henry, Jr., William, Comley, Wilson Moore. Lived Bucks Co., Pennsylvania. Henry wrote *The History of Valley Forge,* John U. Francis, Sr. Publisher, Oaks, Pennsylvania 1921.

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John Woodman, a ferryman at Kittery and York, Maine deposed April 1702 that "he came a passenger from Newfoundland in the fall 13 or 14 at most years ago and never was in this country before." Children: Mary, Anne and John, Jr. (John, Jr. had Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, Anna, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Susannah, Lois.) *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire,* Noyes, Libby & Davis, p. 770.

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Nicholas Woodman, servant to Nicholas Weeks whose wife cut his toes off and he died. *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire,* Noyes, Libby & Davis, p. 770.

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Henry, age twenty-two came to Virginia July 1635 on the *Merchant's Hope*, Hugh Weston, Ship Master *The Original List of Persons of Quality 1600-1700*, John Camden Hotten, G. A. Baker & Co., Inc., New York 1931, p. 116; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 4, p. 190.

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Phyllis, a convict from England, sentenced at Middlesex Quarter Sessions, transported Sept. 1764 on ship *Justitia*; Peter Wilson Coldham, *English Convicts in Colonial America,* Vol. I, Middlesex: 1617-1775, Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1974, p. 297.

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Thomas, a convict from England, sentenced to transportation at Sessions of Gaol Delivery in April. Transported May 1719 in ship *Margaret*, whose destination was Port Oxford, MD. Sold to Wm. Black, Md. September 1719; Peter Wilson Coldham, *England Convicts in Colonial America,* Vol. II, London: 1656-1775, Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1976, p. 192.

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Charles Albert Woodman born about 1800-1816 married Dorcas Brinsden of England. They had sons Henry Albert Woodman and George Leister Woodman (who died unmarried) and a daughter Julian Ann born 1848 (who died about two years of age). Charles Albert died in 1848, last known to be in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, where he owned land. Bess Woodman Odiorne of Eaton Rapids, Florida was a great-granddaughter of Charles A. She spent years researching Woodmans and has stored her findings at the Michigan State Library in Lansing, Michigan.

## Graveyards of Durham

Durham did not have a cemetery until 1926. In the earliest times, family members were buried on their own land; as a consequence, many of the original farms had a private graveyard. So Durham is surrounded by seventy-five (some say seventy-seven) small yards. Graveyards so old many are unknown by descendants who might still be living. They were overgrown and unkempt, a burden on the town's conscience; two of Durham's citizens mapped and identified them in 1957. Then they set about cleaning them up.

It was a terrible job. Large trees were removed, stones were reset; many hours of volunteer work were required. While about thirty of the graveyards have a trust fund, only the interest can be used for upkeep. The town does a remarkable job of caring for their burial lots. Four of those Durham graveyards contain ancestors of the Woodman family. All are trusted, but the amounts are so small, the interest cannot pay for much maintenance.

Those wishing to send a donation should sent it to The Trustee of Trust Funds, Durham, NH 03824. And with your donation, send along a little "thank you" for their caring all these years.[1]

Notes:

*Durham Historic Assn. Newsletter,* No. 174, Aug 1993; Everett S. Stackpole *History of Durham, NH,* pp. 239-247; *Durham, New Hampshire, A History 1900-1985,* Canaan, NH, pp. 80-85.

***Wiggin-Woodman Cemetery, Durham, NH***

## Organizations

1. If your ancestor fought in the Revolution or signed the Association Test, you are eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.
2. Due to the fact Edward[1] was a deputy for Newbury, Massachusetts to the General Court of Massachushetts in 1638, his women descendants are eligible for membership in the National Society of Honorable Artillery Company. Incorporated in London in 1537 and chartered in Massachusetts in 1638, it is the oldest military organization in the New World, and the third oldest in the world. In 1995 the president was Adeline Price Potter Beier, 1234 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068-5238
3. Historical Society of Old Newbury, 98 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950.
4. The Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, MA. Write to Corresponding Secretary, c/o The Society, P.O. Box 444, Newburyport, MA 01950-0544.

## MEANING OF THE NAME, WOODMAN

May be the man who cut and sold timber in the wood; or dyed cloth with wood; or who descended from the Old English given name, "Wudumann."

Variations: Wodeman, Wudeman, Vdeman, Wodman, Wodemund.

## HISTORY OF THE PROJECT

In the fall of 1904 in Carlinville, Illinois, seventeen-year-old Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. (called Frank by his family) sat on the porch with his father, Elijah Franklin. "My father told me a few stories regarding one of my uncles who was to visit us during the World's Fair in St. Louis," wrote young Frank. "The thought came to me," he continued, "how nice it would be to have a biography of my grandfather's family and I wrote a few things that very evening." From that first moment Frank was fascinated by genealogy and it became a life-long interest.(1)

About that time he and his father noticed a town named Woodman on the map of Wisconsin. On 6 August 1904 Frank wrote asking how the town got its name. "They wrote me it was named for Cyrus Woodman of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who had resided at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and who owned many tracts of land there. I wrote to Cyrus," Frank continued, "and he was dead, but his son, Dr. Walter Woodman, answered and told me of his father's book, which I procured."(2) That book would have been Cyrus' *The Woodmans of Buxton, Maine,* which he wrote in 1874. Beginning with his first ancestor in America, Edward Woodman, Cyrus had traced the descendants of three of Edward's great-grandsons to the sixth and seventh generations.

The young Frank would also learn two other books had been published about the Woodmans. Back in 1855, Cyrus had engaged the Newbury, Massachusetts, writer and historian, Joshua Coffin, to research and write a book about that first ancestor, Edward Woodman, who came to Newbury, Massachusetts, from England in 1635. That book, called *A List of Some of the Descendants of Mr. Edward Woodman,* carried part of Edward's descendants forward to the sixth generation.

The following year, J. H. Woodman, Cyrus' old classmate from Bowdoin College, published *A List of Some of the Descendants of Mr. Joshua Woodman who Settled in Kingston, N.H. About 1736.* In it, Mr. Joshua of Kingston, also a great-grandson of Edward, has descendants listed

to the eighth generation. The book also includes an appendix of descendants of another great-grandson, Hilton Woodman. So now Frank knew a good deal about the Woodman family, but he did not know how, or if, he was connected to this Edward of Newbury.

"I then wrote the family descending from my great-grandfather [Elijah$^{6}$]," Frank continued, "but none of the family knew where he [Elijah$^{6}$] was born nor who his father was. For three years I searched and finally located him."(3)

Frank surely found his great-grandfather's beginning by reading Coffin's 1855 book about Edward of Newbury. In it, Coffin wrote of Edward's son, John, settling in Oyster River (later called Durham, New Hampshire) in 1656. Frank wrote to Durham and found that Everett S. Stackpole, Lucien Thompson and Winthrop S. Meserve had collected genealogical data for many years about the early families of that region and Frank began trading information with them.

It is clear he received information from Lucien Thompson, for on 1 August 1908 Frank recorded an expense of $5.00 for "Data, Lucien Thompson, Durham." In his notes Frank wrote words of praise, "to my good friend Hon. Lucien Thompson of Durham, N.H., who has given me great aid and encouragement."(4)

In March 1911 Everett S. Stackpole wrote to Frank, "I shall be happy to give you due credit for all you can do in the Woodman genealogy to be published in "*The History of Durham.*" On 22 February 1913 Stackpole wrote again. "I have just received your Woodman genealogy," he said, "and I thank you for the use of it. It is worth the dollar I paid for express, and since I added as much to it as I took from it, I trust you will feel satisfied to pay the express the other way . . . I have several pages of later generations of Woodmans in Durham that will appear in the history."(5)

The collective data of Stackpole, Thompson, Meserve and Frank was used in 1913 to make up the Woodman genealogy when Stackpole wrote *The History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II.

"Soon after," Frank wrote, "I came into possession of the works of Cyrus and Edgar H. Woodman."(6)

Cyrus Woodman, a wealthy lawyer and land agent, had continued to research the family until his death in 1889, at which time his genealogy papers were given to Edgar H. Woodman – lawyer, state legislator and former mayor of Concord, New Hampshire – who shared Cyrus' interest. But Edgar H. did not use the papers very long for he died three years later at the age of forty-four. Edgar H.'s wife allowed Frank to see the papers. From that point, Frank was determined to publish a family genealogy. He wanted it more than anything.

Frank married on 30 September of 1908. While operating a small grocery store in Comer, Illinois, his genealogy work must have accelerated. In December he wrote a forward and introduction to a book he planned to publish, but he lacked the material to do it.

To ease the burden of letter-writing for his research, he had a form letter printed. In it he explained how he came to have his collection of information. "I hope to be able to publish A COMPLETE GENEALOGY OF ALL DESCENDANTS OF MR. EDWARD WOODMAN [capital letters are his] of Newbury," he wrote in March of 1909. "My first work is the Descendants of Capt. John$^{2}$ Woodman who settled at Oyster River, NH, 1657. It will probably be out in less than a year."

In the circular Frank pleaded for people to write about their families. He was very forceful and persuasive. "This is an old, honorable family and none of them ever disgraced the name," he wrote. "Can't you take a few minutes off and add your mite to recording the works of your own ancestors? Do not balk at a simple failure on a date or anything else. FIND IT," he commanded.(7)

Soon he devised another circular; this one had blanks to fill and was coupled with another plea. "The work is completed so far now that it only remains for me to record those now living and their parents," he said. "The most especial part of my work deals with Capt. John$^{2}$ Woodman. His

descendants are everywhere and I'd like to get them together . . . This is the only time I shall write, so when, on Xmas Day 1910, others get their books don't blame me for leaving your family incomplete," he threatened. "I shall write but once," he continued, "and if you want a place where you should be in the book, please answer. You pedigree horses, hogs and cattle, why not children?"

It isn't clear how much research Frank accomplished in the next decade, but as time passed, his marriage became a troubled one. He divorced in 1916 and remarried in 1919. "[My] first wife ran away with a grocery clerk – quite a slam," he wrote a friend in 1921 of his many troubles. "Left our two-year-old girl for me to care for and I've slept with her every night for eleven years. [My] present wife is the only one I ought ever had – she is as nearly ideal as if I'd had her made to order . . . Last year [1920]," he wrote on, "I lost my new bungalow and lots of Woodman [genealogy] data [from a house fire] . . . I've spent all my spare dimes on the book as I grew up," he continued, "and only got a decent start about five years ago."(8)

That year (1921) he began traveling to sell Remington typewriters and he filled his lonely evenings in hotel rooms writing letters for genealogy information. Between 5 March and 1 October of that year he sent 438 letters – nearly forty-four per month. Frank's old dream of a book had returned.(9)

He reestablished his contacts with the authors of *The History of Durham.* He renewed his friendship with Susan Woodman of Dover, New Hampshire with whom he had corresponded as early as 1907. It is obvious from responses he received in 1921 that he had corresponded with many of them at an earlier time.(10)

In his notes Frank thanked the authors of *The History of Durham, NH,* Vol. II, *The History of Sanbornton, NH,* Vol. II (printed 1881) and *The History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood* (printed 1878). Those three books list twenty-four sixth generation descendants of Capt. John$^{2}$; six died young without marrying or children; one has been lost without a trace. Frank found three more sixth generation men from other sources. So he had labeled nearly twenty little tablets. They were ruled, about 6 1/2" x 8 1/2", the kind young children then used in school. Each had the name of a sixth generation man. As he found information, he wrote in them.

Frank developed thirteen of those men to varying degrees.

By June of 1921 Frank contacted several printing companies asking for prices to print a book. The Tuttle Company of Rutland, Vermont, wrote, " . . . in regard to [the] system you were to follow in publishing the records of the descendants of the thirty cousins of the sixth generation of Woodmans, I understood that there will be approximately thirty different volumes and that these volumes are to be bound in paper cover and that later you intend to publish these different books as one volume with corrections and additions so that the material used in the future publications will be different in a great many respects from the pamphlets which you are considering now."(11) The pamphlets were to be 6x9 of which 4x7 would be printed matter.

When advised by Frank of his intentions to publish the small pamphlets, each to deal with a sixth generation descendant of Capt. John$^{2}$, both Susan Woodman and Everett Stackpole advised against it. "If you bring it out in parts or sections," Susan wrote, "you would sell some sections and then they might not be willing to have the whole book. If the sections a person had was his or her branch – they would not buy the whole book."(12)

Tuttle Printing sent a contract to print the book but Frank did not sign it.(13) So it is surprising to find that in the fall of that same year, Frank sent a mailout advertising his book which would be called *Six Brothers.* It was the genealogy of Archelaus$^{6}$, Lemuel$^{6}$, Moses$^{6}$, Jonathan$^{6}$, Isaac$^{6}$ and Joseph$^{6}$, who were the sons of Sgt. Jonathan$^{5}$ (Jonathan$^{4-3}$, John$^{2}$, Edward$^{1}$). It is doubly surprising because Frank's own line of descent back to Edward is through Elijah$^{6}$ (Archelaus$^{5}$, Joshua$^{4}$, Jonathan$^{3}$, John$^{2}$, Edward$^{1}$).

"When you remember that this covers the family history for a period of upwards of 300 years," the circular said, "and gives lengthy sketches of all those ancestors of Sgt. Jonathan Woodman – as well as the signature of Mr. Edward Woodman, the immigrant ancestor, that of his wife and his brother Lieut. Archelaus Woodman of Newbury . . . I think you will subscribe for enough to ensure it being published . . . The book . . . will contain approximately 150 pages or probably more . . . Enclosed you will find an order blank . . . This must be returned at once . . . The cost of this will be upwards of a thousand dollars . . . IF IT IS TO BE PUBLISHED, please sign and mail this order NOW."(14) (The capital letters are his.)

For this book Frank would have written about Edward[1] and his half-brother Archelaus[1], Capt. John[2], Jonathan[3], Jonathan[4], and Jonathan[5], followed by the six sons of the latter. He had that much information and most of the wonderful, priceless, charming old letters are from relatives of those six sons of Jonathan[5]. Frank advertised the book for $4.00 for one copy and $10.00 for three. Orders for more than fifty-six books came in November and December of 1921. A few orders dribbled in during the next two years, but Frank was far short of the $1,000.00 he needed to publish.(15) Frank was having a hard time of it.

The "Roaring Twenties" had not roared for everyone. It was harder than ever to sell a typewriter and life on the road was more lonely than ever. If Frank worked on his genealogy after that, there is little evidence of it. Now and then a letter arrived asking what had happened to plans for the book. Nineteen hundred twenty-three brought two small spasms of activity, but nothing came of it.

In March of 1923 Susan Woodman wrote that Mrs. Edgar H. Woodman was allowing her to see Cyrus and Edward's collection of genealogy data and later furnished a list of data she was copying for Frank.(16)

On 23 April 1923, Mrs. Fairbanks of Maine wrote to Frank, "I am quite attracted by your proposition to go to your home and help finish the book. I have experience and am fond of the business . . . for I have assisted on eleven different books and manuscripts . . . I fully agree with you that you cannot and ought not to give up your work to do the Woodman Genealogy, important as it may be. Your salary seems perfectly wonderful to me and don't forego that. I would like to think about this proposition and ask more questions."(17)

That was the last of it. There are no more papers or notes. Frank continued traveling for Remington, but he hated it. He lost his farm and had trouble paying his bills. His children were growing up and he wasn't around very much. Frank's long, old dream about the book just died. And then one day in 1927, at the age of thirty-nine, Frank died, too, of complications from a ruptured appendix.

So the papers lay in boxes, badly stored, until his widow died in 1970. Some had been destroyed by mice and water, children had played in them and looked at the old pictures, relatives casually and carelessly read some of the letters and failed to return them to their proper envelope.(18)

In 1981 I got into the boxes. They had been waiting for me for fifty-four years. I spent that summer reading and reading. Discovering the story I have just told you was not easy.

Now the question was, of course, what did his material actually cover. I knew fire had taken some of it in 1920. So what was left? What had been lost? How much had Frank really written about the family?

I found the *Six Brothers* material. Some of it had been typed, but it was in very rough order, not ready for a book. And except for a dozen or so land deeds and five or six wills that Susan Woodman of Dover had abstracted for him, Frank had no documentation or notes. He simply never told the sources of his information.

It would be a shame, I thought, to let this work of his be lost, so I copied his notes thinking

I would somehow distribute them for use. But then the old letters worried me, and I wanted to put them with the correct notes. So I read them all, slowly putting the pages together, but I hadn't a clue as to which family they belonged. Sometimes, the writer began right off about, "My father" without ever giving the father's name anywhere in the letter. The writer could do that because he and Frank knew of whom they spoke. Slowly it came to me.

By the time I accomplished that I knew I wanted to use those letters differently than Frank had; I wanted to let the people tell their own story. So I wrote it all again. Then I decided to find the documentation for Frank's work and use the old documents to write a narrative story. Several years and a lot of work had been done by then, and now I was starting over.

I hired researchers and we were off! I have enlarged the project far beyond the original plan. The notes and documentation are all mine. Where I write "Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. notes," this indicates I could not or did not find proper sources for the information. The cemetery records of New Hampshire and Maine and all the military records are mine. I straightened out the Jonathan Woodmans of Durham by buying every Jonathan deed in Strafford County, New Hampshire. I made no effort to add more generations; it would have been too much. It was quite by accident in those cases where I have brought them forward to the present time.

Finally, I want to thank Frank. Had he lived he'd likely have found every Woodman in the United States. The old letters and pictures are invaluable. I could not have done this without the foundation he provided for me to build upon.

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2. Ibid.
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7. A printed circular sent by EFW Jr. – one dated 25 Mar 1909.
8. A letter from EFW, Jr. to Col. Arioch W. Griffiths, Durham, NH, 6 Mar 1921.
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11. Letters from the Tuttle Company, Rutland, VT, 2 Aug 1921, 19 Oct 1921.
12. Undated letter from Susan Woodman.
13. Letter and contract from Tuttle Co., 29 Sep 1921, 19 Oct 1921.
14. EFW, Jr. circular to sell *The Six Brothers.*
15. Orders for book consisting of postcards and letters.
16. Letters from Susan Woodman 19 Mar 1923, 15 Apr 1923.
17. Letter from Mrs. M.B. Fairbanks, Farmington, ME, 23 Apr 1923.
18. Conversation with Edward Bryce Woodman, eldest son of EFW, Jr. 1981.

## COAT OF ARMS

*Crozier's General Armory* described the coat of arms of Edward Woodman Massachusetts, Newbury, 1635 (Wiltshire) as:

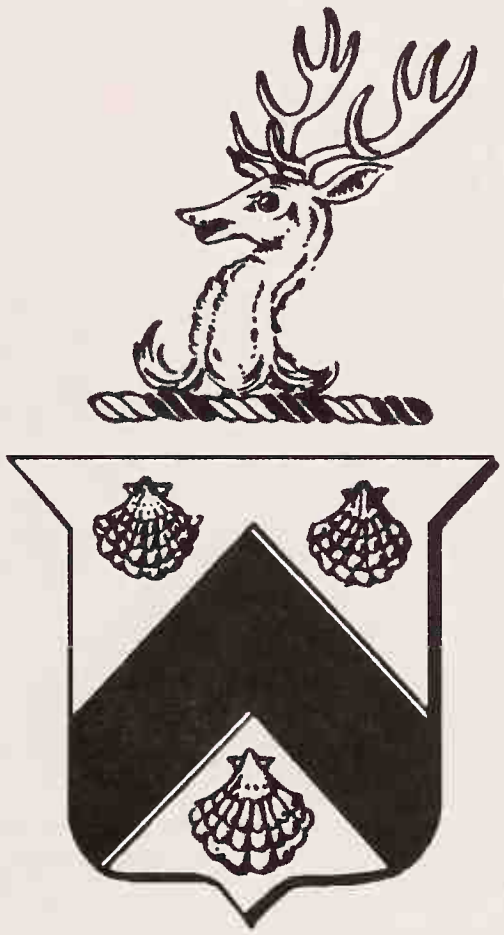
Argent, a Chevron sable between three escallops gules.

Crest – A buck's head erased ppr.(1)

Genealogy notes of the Emery family (Jonathan Emery who married Mary Woodman$^{3}$ [Edward$^{2\text{-}1}$] who was born 29 September 1654) mention the Coat of Arms of Edward Woodman who

came with his brother Archelaus to Newbury, Massachusetts. Notes describe it as: "two arms, ar., a chev. sa. betw. three escallops gu. Crest – A buck's head erased ppr."(2)

The above descriptions seem to be the same Crest described by Thomas Gamble in 1906 and displayed here. Gamble wrote about Edward of Newbury, Massachusetts and his granddaughter Mehitable Woodman who married Philip Goodridge on 16 April 1700.(3)



***THE WOODMAN ARMS***

**ARMS**—Argent, a chevron sable, between three escallops, gules.
**CREST**—A buck's head erased, proper

Then H. Staunton Woodman circulated the following advertisement to a number of Woodmans in the United States. Avis Woodman of Waltham, Massachusetts received the circular in the 1950's. In 1964, H. Staunton's widow, who was living at 143 Sunset Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey, wrote that Henry S. had died 27 June 1964. She offered Avis a few more copies of the circular about the Coat of Arms. The following is a copy of H. Staunton's circular and a picture of the Arms he sent to Avis. I have never known H. Staunton's lineage.(4)

*To The Woodman Family In America -*

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to send you this print of The Woodman Arms. Any descendant of Edward Woodman who came from England and settled in Newbury, Mass. in 1635 is entitled to use it. All the Woodmans in America came from his four sons, so states high genealogical authority.

I have spent the better part of two years studying The WOODMAN ARMS and developing this print, and at considerable expense. Early this year I had a number prepared and have some left over. I would like to feel that every Woodman who wants one can have it. It would be visible evidence of descendance from a distinguished old Colonial family originating in England. So I am sending it to you with the suggestion that if you like it and care to keep it, you may send me anything from $5 to $10. If not, you may return it with no obligation.

That it is absolutely authentic is shown by quotations from two of the most reliable sources of information we have on heraldic history:

1. An American book on "General Armory" by Wm. Crozier containing a Registry of American Families Entitled to Coat Armor, published in this Country for the Genealogical Association in 1904, records The Woodman Arms as follows:
WOODMAN—Massachusetts
Edward Woodman, Newbury, 1635.
(Wiltshire)
Argent, a chevron sable between three escallops gules.
CREST—A buck's head erased proper.

Mr. Crozier further states: "All persons who can deduce descent from an ancestor whose armoured ensigns have been acknowledged—are entitled to carry those arms by right of inheritance." He then proceeds to give the names of over 2000 American families so entitled and the Woodman name is listed as above.'

2. Burke's "General Armory," written by Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, printed in England in 1884, lists the Woodman Arms as follows:

*WOODMAN*—At. a chev. sable betw. three escallops gu.
*CREST*—a buck's head erased ppr.

In simple language the above would be: the arms, or shield, has a silver (argent) background; a black (sable) chevron between three escallop shells in red (gules). Crest, a-buck's head torn from its body (erased) in its proper coloring.

Sir Bernard wrote in his preface: Heraldry arose with Feudalism, attained in its full growth in Mediaeval Times and now, in the 19th Century, is prized by all who can show honorable ancestry."

Coffin's "DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD WOODMAN" and Records of the Mass. Bay Colony have this to say regarding our ancestor: "Edward Woodman of Wiltshire England, located at Newbury, Mass. with his wife Joanna, as one of the original grantees. Deputy to the General Court eight years 1636-1670; appointed by The General Court as Lieutenant of the Newbury Company, March 17, 1637. Died prior to 1694. Of the 91 grantees who settled Newbury, 15 were entitled to the appellation of "Mr." One of these was Edward Woodman. He was a man of influence, decision and energy. Other positions of trust were held by him. Among them was one 'to see people married,' of which in 1681 he thus speaks: 'an unprofitable commission; I quickly laid aside the worke which has cost me many a bottle of sacke and liquor where friends and acquaintances have been concerned'."

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This summer I spent some time in Newbury studying and among many interesting things I found there is an active Society called "Sons and Daughters of the Early Settlers." They have erected an imposing monument on the "Oldtown Green" with a facsimile of the ship "James" on the top, the ship Edward Woodman came in. There is a suitable inscription on the front and on the back are the names of the 91 original grantees. Edward Woodman's name is there. I also found his grave in "The First Burial Ground 1635" which the Society owns and maintains. They have restored the head-stone with the inscription: "In memory of Mr. Edward Woodman who came from England and settled in Newbury in 1635. A man of talents, influence, firmness and decision. He served faithfully for many years as Selectman, Deputy to the General Court and Commissioner. He died about 1695." The Society maintains an old Colonial home nearby as a museum. On a suitable tablet in front are the names of the early settlers including that of Edward Woodman.

I purchased a photostat of a map from the Public Library in Newburyport showing the original grants of land to the 91 settlers, including Edward and his brother, Archelaus. The grants were centered around the "Oldtown Green" where the monument now stands. I would be glad to send you a copy at no cost.

* * * * *

Cordially yours,

H. Staunton Woodman
Box 371 Yale Club
New York, 17, NY

**Woodman**

Arthur S. Woodman and his wife Rosemary of Londonderry, New Hampshire, and Gretchen Woodman of Claremont, New Hampshire received the following unsolicited circular called *The Woodman Arms.*[5] Gretchen wrote that her circular was sent by H. Staunton Woodman, but she did not know the year. If it was from H. Staunton Woodman, this means he produced two different circulars.

## THE WOODMAN ARMS

All authorities on Heraldry describe the WOODMAN ARMS as follows:

*ARMS* — argent; a chevron sable between 3 escallops gules.

*CREST* — a buck's head erased proper.

## INTERPRETATION

*ARMS* — or shield, colored in silver, "argent."

*CHEVRON* — in black, "sable," signifies *protection*. It was granted as a *reward* for some *notable enterprise*.

*ESCALLOPS* — or *escallop shells* in red, "gules," rank as one of the most widely used Heraldic Charges in English and other Armories. In early days they figured outside the limits of Heraldry as the badge of Pilgrims going to the Holy Land. It may be assumed that at one time *escallops* indicated *a trip to the Holy Land* or *fighting in a Crusade.* In Armory they signified *long journeys* or *voyages to a far country;* also *high naval command* or *great victories.*

*BUCK'S HEAD* — or *crest,* "erased," i.e., as if torn from its body leaving the parts jagged, in its proper color, symbolizes one either *skilled in music* and *lover of harmony,* or one that is *politic* and well foresees his times and opportunities; or again, one who is unwilling to assail the enemy rashly, but desires to stand his own ground honestly, rather than to annoy another wrongfully. Briefly, it stands for *POLICY, PEACE* and *HARMONY.* Originally it was of even greater honor than the *Coat of Arms.* It was worn by heroes and soldiers of superior military command. Made of wood or boiled leather, it was laced to the top of the helmet. To hide the junction, a *"wreath"*, or a twisted silken scarf was used.

*HELMET* — used for *protection*, and also to indicate the *rank or degree* of the owner. Helmets of *soverigns* [sic] were made of gold and the grating of the barred type faced outward, "*affrontee.*" Those of *peers* were made of silver with five gold bars but placed in profile, as in the *Woodman Arms.*

*MANTLE* — or *cloak,* gold outside and silver inside, was intended to shield the wearer from the sun.

MEANING OF COLORS
*Argent,* silver, signifies *peace* and *sincerity* —
*Sable,* black, denotes *constancy* —
*Gules,* red, indicates *courage* —

SOURCE: Boutell, *Manual of Heraldry;* Wade, *Symbolisms of Heraldry;* Grant, *Manual of Heraldry.*

When Helen Denny Woodman published her book, *The Woodmans of Rhode Island,* in 1989 she used the Coat of Arms H. Staunton Woodman sent to Avis.

Helen D. wrote, "One of the most ancient and best known of the several Coats of Arms of the Woodman family is described in heraldic terms as follows: (Burke, Encyclopedia of Heraldry, 1844). Arms – Argent, a Chevron sable between three escallops gules. Crest – A buck's head erased proper."

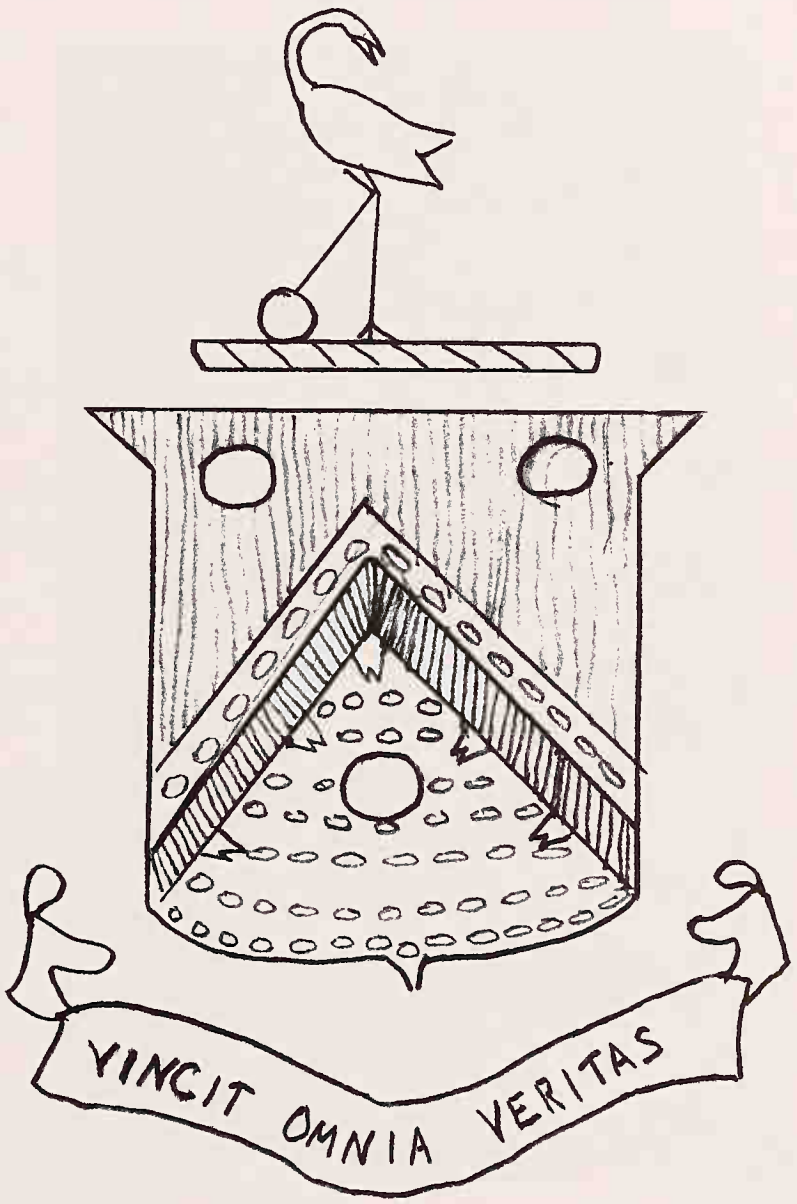
Her book is about the descendants of John Woodman who arrived in Newport, Rhode Island about 1663. There is no evidence that this John and Edward of Newbury are related.(6)

Someone sent Elijah Franklin Woodman, Jr. a small card engraved with what is said to be the Woodman Coat of Arms. On the envelope someone has written, "Harry Woodman of Phila. got this but I do not know where – Perhaps the Woodmans never had a Coat of Arms – I doubt it."

It is a stork with one leg resting on a ball and is described thus:

1 Ball red in lower
2 Gold in upper
Trefoil broad band of gold

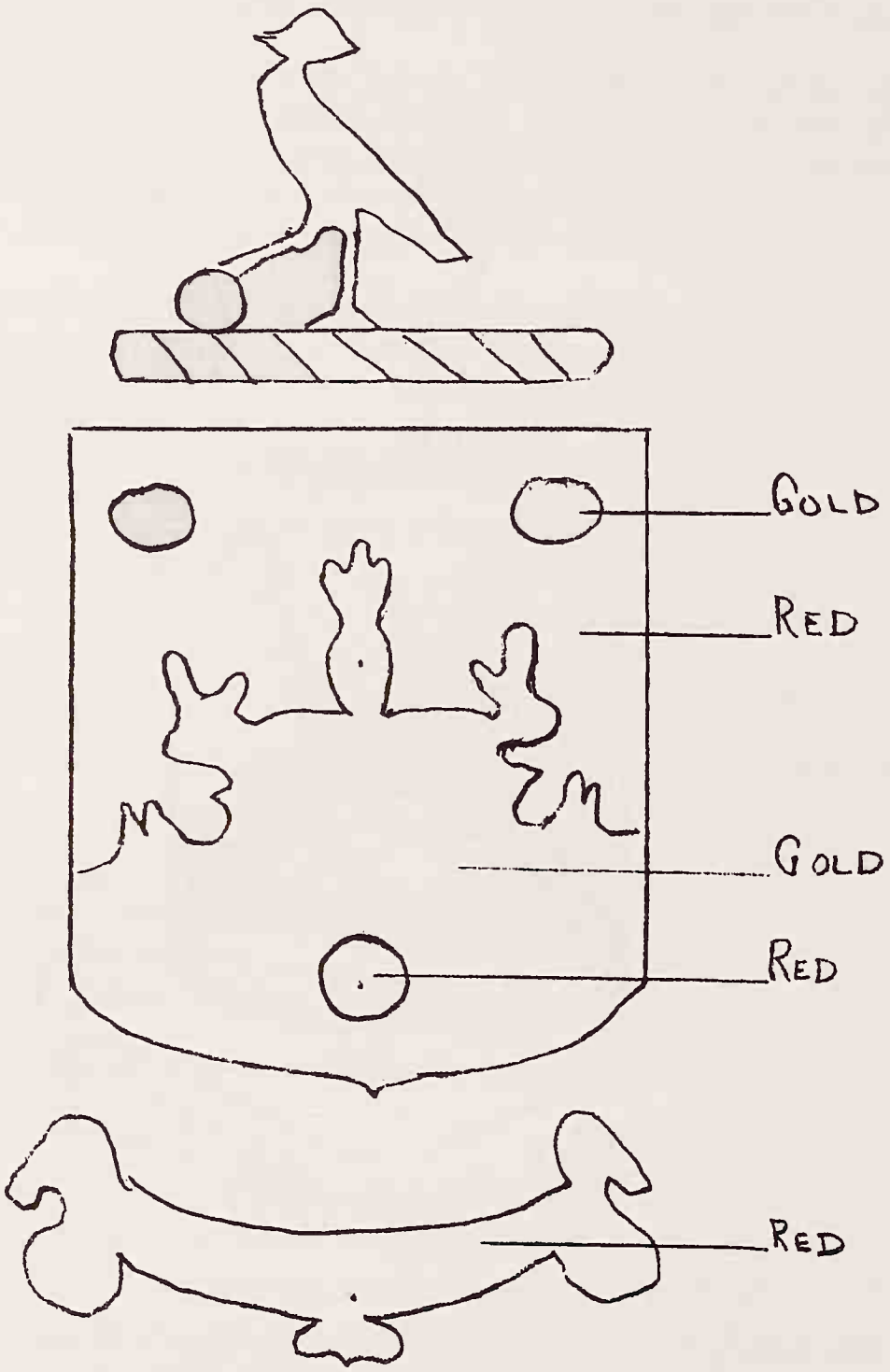
Shaded blue
Gold shield – red line within edge all around
Blk edge narrow
Red band encircles lower gold spaces. [sic]
Letters in black(7)



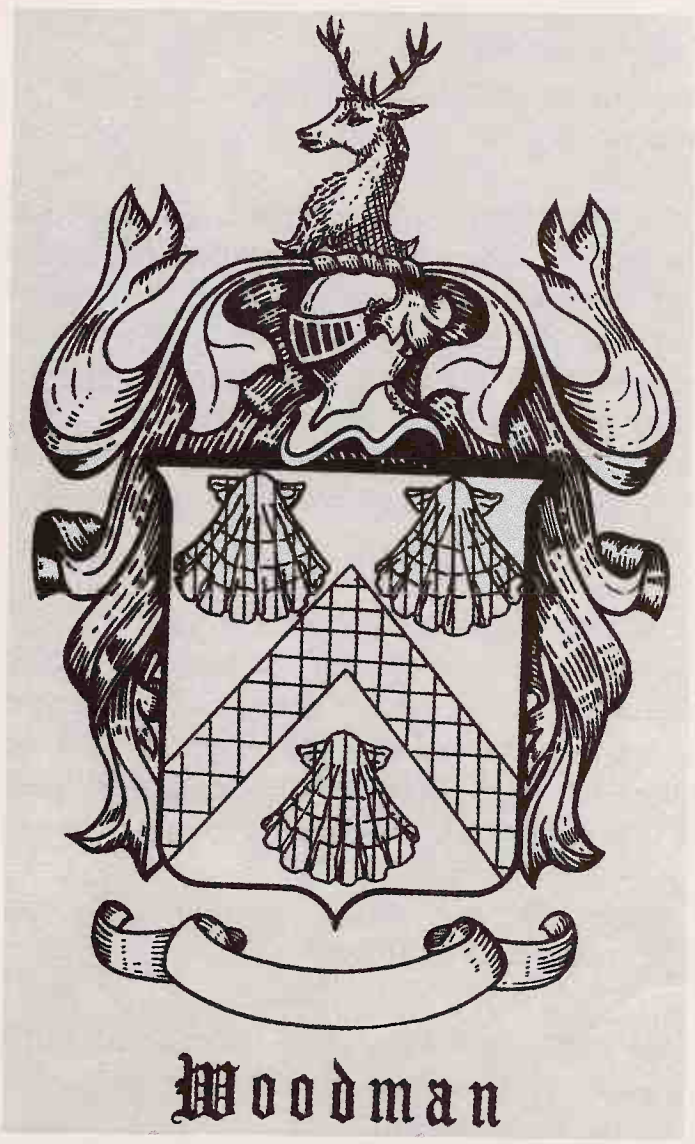

There is one more Coat of Arms featuring a stork. This Coat was painted by Selden James Woodman, San Francisco, California in 1913. He called it the Arms of Edward Woodman, 1628-94, of Newbury, Massachusetts, 1635 from Corsham, Wiltshire, England. Selden described it as follows (some of the writing is very hard to read and I have only guessed at these words):

Arms – per Chevron
florey – Counteflorey
gules and as betw.
three roundels all countercharged
Crest – a stork reguard
Sable resting the dexter
Claw on a torteau
Motto: Surgam Sine Macula (I will rise without Stain)(8)

A researcher who could not draw copied Selden J.'s work. I too lack that skill, but here is my best effort:



During the 1980's a firm called Halberts of Bath, Ohio, distributed circulars to many families. Their business was one of selling Coats of Arms and, if one reads closely, they also designed them. Here is the one for Woodman.(9)



## Historiography

The Woodman Coat of Arms illustrated on preceeding page was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Woodman Coat of Arms design can be found in Burke's General Armory. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Ar. a chev. sa. betw. three escallops gu."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Silver: a black chevron between three red shells."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"A buck's head erased ppr."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"A stag's heads, jagged natural color."

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A motto was not recorded with the Woodman Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Woodman appears to be occupational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the English, meaning, "one who cut and sold timber." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Woodman are Woods, Woodman, Woodmans and Woodsman.

Census records available disclose the fact there are approximately 1250 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Woodman name. The United States Census Bureau estimates there are approximately 3.2 persons per household in America today which yields an approximate total of 4000 people in the United States carrying the Woodman name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Woodman name have made to history.

No genealogical representation is intended or implied by this report and it does not represent individual lineage or your family tree.

The seal of Edward Woodman, Boston, 1694 on doc. (document) in Mass. Archives, Vol. 61, p. 450: "A man holding a club (?). Crest: An animal statant."

This would probably be the Edward Woodman, or his son, who married Remember Maverick and is not known to be related to Edward of Newbury.(10)

In the classless society of the United States, few Americans have thought about a Coat of Arms. They have achieved status with luck and hard work without a need to rely on one's family background; they have not focused on that feudal custom of ancient Europe.

It isn't clear which, if any – or all, of these Coats could be used by the family. It isn't clear who designed them and with what authority. My presentation allows you to make your own conclusions.

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